

**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy & Budget Committee**

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2013

4:30 p.m.

Present were: Jim Markley, Ron Johnson, Tom Depew, Kerri Thoreson, Bert Rorhbach, Kristy Reed Johnson, Laurin Scarcello, Rob Turnipseed and recording secretary Lori Cogley. Allen Isaacson was absent. Paul Klatt was excused.

Also present were: Al Beardsley (IDWR), Dick Martindale (PHD), Helen Johnson and Gary Stevens (DEQ).

At 4:35 p.m. Chairman Pro-Tem Bert Rohrbach called the meeting to order and stated that Chairman Klatt was in Boise and unable to attend the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bert asked that Tom lead the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Laurin moved that the minutes from the May 1, 2013 meeting be approved as written. Kerri seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS: Dick Martindale (PHD) mentioned that he was attending on behalf of Dale Peck.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were none.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: There were none.

MEMBER COMMENTS: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS: Al Beardsley spoke of the pump costs for the Woodland School well and stated it was a little higher than he had expected it to be. Mr. Richardson with H2O Well Service will need 220V to place the pump into the well and it is unknown at this point where the well will be connected to the site. Al spoke of the "Eclipse No. 88" pump and Bert stated he has had great experience with this particular pump. It will cost between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 to install the pump in the well. Brian Martin from School District #271 will also assist in the placement of the pump. Bert requested that more information be obtained so that it can be provided if needed at the Public Hearing. Gary mentioned that there could possibly be additional costs if information is provided to the schools, i.e. testing kits, masks, gloves, etc. Bert stated that the Work Elements Committee would need the projected boring costs. Gary will contact the Principal and the Science teacher at Woodland School to obtain better information on what the kids might need. Safety is of the utmost necessity for the kids. Gary estimates approximately \$1,000.00 for this cost. Al stated they would be drilling 260 feet down. Gary stressed that in order to obtain a good sample, he would need it to pump at least 10 gallons/minute.

Jim discussed the budget information in detail with the members. He will adjust the IDWR Well & Probes line item with an additional \$1,000.00. He may possibly change the wording of the well line item to read "Woodland Well." There was a question regarding how much of a fee increase the Commissioners will support. Jim would like there to be a 5-year spending plan in place for PHD, DEQ and IDWR. There are approximately 64,762 parcels in the county. Jim developed 7 possible options for the APD as to which direction they might want to go in regards to the budget. These options were discussed in detail and will be decided at the next meeting.

The members thanked Jim for creating these documents with such great detail. Kerri stated that currently there is no option to decrease expenses with no fee increase. Jim mentioned any number can be changed to give a different perspective. Bert stated that the two sub-committees need to discuss the options and be realistic of what the priorities are. Jim will revise the documents so that the members may adjust the numbers as they wish to view the changed outcome. Bert stated that it is obvious that either the revenue has to adjust or the expenditures have to adjust. Have the projects increased? The APD has developed as a stronger entity but the economy has not done the same so the budget may need to be adjusted. Helen asked how the budget numbers compare to the actual numbers. Jim agreed that that was a good question. Bert suggested that Jim contact Dave McDowell if needed. Dick stated that the handouts at the Public Hearing were actual numbers.

Bert spoke of the concern at the last meeting in regards to realigning the billing period of PHD to match the County's fiscal year. Bert feels that this would make a simpler process in the future. At the last meeting, Dale from PHD adjusted their budget to align with the County's fiscal year budget. Jim will put a footnote at the bottom of the handout to explain that change.

Bert mentioned the \$2,000.00 set aside for the Stormwater labeling – Bert will put the information into the Work Elements budget.

Dick with PHD reiterated the Health District's proposal for the upcoming budget in regards to what they charge for the facilities that they visit every two years. They are proposing a 3-tiered approach:

- **Tier 1:** Visit the facility and if they are non-compliant and it requires them a follow-up visit by PHD, they will be charged the biennial inspection fee of \$225.00.
- **Tier 2:** Visit the facility and if they are compliant, waive the fee.
- **Tier 3:** If they go above and beyond what is expected of them, they will receive the Aquistar award and there are no costs associated with this.

Kristy stated that if everyone were compliant, approximately \$30,000.00 would go back into the APD. The group agreed to continue to use the above "Tier" language as it is easy to understand and it would provide commonality to both the APD and the PHD.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

Bert set the next meeting for June 5, 2013 @ 4:30pm in the Commissioner's Boardroom. The Public Hearing is set for June 19th in the Commissioner's Boardroom.

At 5:45 p.m., Tom moved that the Board adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cogley

Recording Secretary