

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

Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2014
4:30 p.m.

Present were: Paul Klatt, Jim Markley, Ron Johnson, Kristy Reed Johnson, Rob Turnipseed, Al Isaacson and Kerri Thoreson. Bert Rorhbach arrived at 4:45 p.m.

Also present were: Commissioner Todd Tondee, Dick Martindale (PHD), Gary Stevens, (DEQ), Allen Beardslee (IDWR) Helen Johnson and Recording secretary Julie Kamps.

Absent: Laurin Scarcello

At 4:34 p.m. member Paul Klatt called the meeting to order and announced that he would be leading the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allen Beardslee led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes was made by Kristy Reed Johnson and seconded by Allen Isaacson. The roll was called. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS: No new introductions were made as there were no new attendees.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Budget status, per Jim, is as it should be. A transducer bill to IDWR was paid late. Anomaly in budget from last cycle. There is a need to fill Tom's position; he has not officially resigned yet. BOCC will handle; encouraged to find two new members. Woodland well project has grown Invited Commissioner Tondee to speak: he says budget process is important, needs this committee to hear what the county budget is looking at (line items and a 3-5 year history), thanked everyone; brought up one more opening for a water district: how many open positions are agricultural or water, we need to put the word out for new members

PUBLIC COMMENTS: there were none

MEMBER COMMENTS: there were none

OLD BUSINESS: Budget review.

NEW BUSINESS: Re: committee member representation Jim read from ID statutes that a committee member has to be from a water district, not water association-suggested we find out more about that.

-Election of officers and subcommittees: Kristy moved to retain same chairman and vice chairman, Ron seconded. Paul said yes, Bert was a yes also but voiced concerns about getting new blood in these positions. Julie retained as recording secretary. Motion passed with no opposition.

-Kristy said that skill sets are as important as diversity on committee

-Commissioner Tondee mentioned term limits for Advisory boards and that the BOCC is working on this topic – these are not set yet. (Julie will give a heads-up when these are set.) Bert said a meeting with legislators would be good before knowledge is lost and a transition is made.

-Subcommittees: Paul described each committee: Work Elements (programs to pursue), Public Outreach (education), Budget (works with county financial dept.) Paul entertained motions for subcommittee leaders. Kristy still wants to be on public outreach, Allen also interested, Jim willing to be on budget, Bert nominated Jim for budget, Rob seconded. Rob will stay on work elements, Kerri also interested. Ron to continue on budget. Helen Johnson said that Ron wants to be conservative on the budget, Jim agreed that collaboration is good. Bert will chair work elements – Rob and Kerri on committee. Jim will chair budget, Ron on committee. Kristy will head up public outreach, Allen on committee. Jim made motion for committees to be set as such-Kerri seconded. Motion carried.

-Update from Dick Martindale on PHD. Spirit Lake pulled out of sampling runs. There could potentially more wells added in northern area of aquifer. Maybe add Woodland Middle School as a sampling choice. Would like to beef up sampling program. Good news in Dalton area: new sewer line in commercial area, potentially moving north to Prairie Ave. area. Looking at non-domestic waste water issues. FYI on it, will bring to work elements committee for consideration. Might need to ask for intervention re: Spirit Lake well issues. Allen commented that funding is available for water quality testing, topic discussed.

-Update from Gary Stevens with DEQ. Rathdrum Prairie water quality report is available online; was successful and gave details of lake sampling. 2015 Aquifer atlas committee has been formed, both WA and ID people on it, working on common format for all to use so all can have access to all files. Bidding to go out to CDA printers this time as well as Spokane. Discussed how many dollars will come from board to help with printing costs, how many copies are needed, encouraged distribution of 2009 version, merits of previous versions, some details of new one will be available around April/May, completed atlas will probably be ready by end of 2014. Also, phosphorus sampling data available if anyone would like to look at it.

Update from Allen Beardslee with IDWR. Three more monitor wells will be added. Woodland well will be online soon, periodic retrieval of data will be available, sampling now functional. Video being made on how a well is constructed where Al will be interviewed.

-Other topics: there have been articles in the CDA Press (Jan.18th and 29th) re: water issues.

-Commissioner Tondee clarified that the APD committee is an advisory board to the BOCC.

-Future meeting dates were set for 2/12 and 2/26. Will go into a twice monthly cycle. Most agreed that Wednesdays are good meeting days.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were none.

At 6:20 p.m., Bert moved that the Board adjourn the meeting. Kerri seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kamps

Recording Secretary