

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

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2014

4:30 p.m.

**Present were:** Jim Markley, Kristy Reed Johnson, Mike Galante, Bert Rohrback, Laurin Scarcello, and Rob Turnipseed. Allen Issacson and Kerri Thoreson were excused.

Also present were: Dick Martindale (PHD) and Recording Secretary Nancy Jones.

At 4:33 p.m. Bert Rohrback called the meeting to order.

Paul Klatt arrived at 4:38 p.m. Ron Johnson, Helen Johnson, and Todd Tondee arrived at 4:42 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the April 30, 2014, minutes was made by Mike and seconded by Kristy. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

**COOPERATING AGENCY AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no cooperating agency or public comments.

**CHAIRMAN and MEMBER COMMENTS:** Jim presented a draft of a PowerPoint that he is updating. The presentation includes an overview of the Aquifer Protection District and includes pictures and information regarding community events and programs. He intends to complete the updates and present the information at the budget hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Work Elements subcommittee presented a draft of their FY2015 budget report. PHD Program Manager Dick Martindale shared that the PHD FY14/15 request was \$384,400, minus anticipated fees of \$30,000, for a total funding request in the amount of \$354,400. Overall, the report included recommendations regarding:

- Panhandle Health FY15 budget request
- Critical materials – PHD
- Water Quality Sampling – PHD
- Sewage Management – PHD
- Aquifer Well Monitoring Sites – IDWR
- Community Outreach and Education
- Interagency Cooperation and Administration
- Evapotranspiration Data Gathering / AgriMet
- Aquifer Atlas Budget Amounts

Bert opened the floor for comments and recommendations and asked for all markups to the draft to be submitted by the end of the meeting. Kristy presented a request for a full time position to handle recording secretary duties, follow up on individual matters, and work as a general liaison with the Aquifer Protection Board. She outlined the advantages of having a person with County knowledge fill this role, stressing that the growth of the APD has increased the need for coordination. Mike agreed to contact the Spokane Aquifer Board to obtain information regarding a similar position that they have funded. Kristy will use that information to create a job description for submission to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) before the FY15/16 budget cycle.

The attendees discussed the possibility of a fee increase, and Commissioner Tondee informed the group that the BOCC would prefer no increase; however, he recommended that if an increase is proposed, it should be in a realistic amount to meet long-term needs in order to avoid small, frequent increases. Various increase proposals and carryover thresholds were discussed.

Commissioner Tondee left the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Mike Galante left the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Jim agreed to incorporate the recommendations of the group into a comprehensive fee proposal that will include carryover considerations.

Bert presented a draft document for the committee to use in determining term limits for the current members, in accordance with the recent Resolution that was passed by the BOCC. The group held significant discussion and established the following initial term recommendations:

- One year terms – Bert Rohrbach, Allen Isaacson, and Paul Klatt
- Two year terms – Jim Markley, Robert Turnipseed, Laurin Scarcello, and Ronald Johnson
- Three year terms – Mike Galante, Kerri Thoreson, and Kristy Reed Johnson

Bert noted that the bylaws will need to be amended, as well. He suggested that the changes should be made and submitted to the County legal department for review before setting a meeting with the BOCC to request final approval of the recommendations.

At 6:30 p.m., Rob moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A Jones

Recording Secretary