

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

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2015
4:30 p.m.

Present were: Mike Galante, Ron Johnson, Leslie Duncan, Kristy Reed Johnson, Tiffany Heiss, and BiJay Adams were present. Paul Klatt, Jim Markley, Rob Turnipseed, and Laurin Scarcello were excused.

Also present were: Panhandle Health District (PHD) Administrator Dale Peck, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrogeologist Gary Stevens and Waste and Remediation Manager Kathy Falconer, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) representatives Allen Beardslee and Hydrogeologist Ken Neely, Citizen Helen Johnson, and Recording Secretary Nancy Jones.

At 4:33 p.m., Vice-Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order. BiJay Adams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the February 11, 2015, minutes was made by BiJay and seconded by Mike. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS: Vice-Chair Leslie Duncan reminded everyone that a position is still open for a well-known business representative, and asked everyone to think about individuals who might be interested in applying.

MEMBERS COMMENTS: Kristy gave an education & outreach update and an overview of items for this year's Business Forum basket. She also shared that she is working on a final number to meet the eighth grade program Aquifer Atlas needs.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike Galante shared that Atlas production is near completion, noting that the hope is to finish publication by the end of June, if the updates and bid process can be completed in time to accommodate that goal.

NEW BUSINESS: DEQ Hydrogeologist Ken Neely gave a Monitoring Network PowerPoint presentation that included the following topics:

- Well monitoring and location information
- Factors related to ground water level fluctuations
- Historic monitoring data
- Effects and considerations regarding temperature signature readings
- Data review from specific wells in the network

Al Beardslee spoke about how the well at Woodland Middle School is used in their classes. The group discussed the benefits of establishing a second school well in Spirit Lake.

Ron and Helen Johnson then gave a strategic direction presentation that included information on:

- The general purpose of the Aquifer Protection District Committee
- Expanded goals and objectives that could be considered by the group
- Benefits and alternatives to an FTE
- Community outreach recommendations

Helen explained that each of the areas covered by and suggestions made within the presentation were based on the goals of the group as defined in Title 39, Chapter 5 of Idaho code.

The group held substantial discussion regarding community outreach development (especially with regard to promoting public hearings), including use of newspapers and other media to promote events and activities. Mike suggested that the committee could make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to send an invitation to various interests that might be interested/involved/affected by APD activities.

The group discussed the benefits of an FTE and Kristy agreed to draft a job description that could be presented to the BOCC. Kathy Falconer shared that she would like to gain understanding of what the priorities are for the BOCC, in order to clarify how those goals align with the priorities of the committee. Helen suggested that grants could be pursued to support various projects. Tiffany Heiss shared that she would like to hear from our community partners regarding how we can support their efforts or how they can support the group. Dale Peck stated that some of this information will likely be included within his budget presentation and he reminded the group that if there are other outreach items that they health district can get involved in, they are open to those requests. Gary Stevens suggested a possible expansion of DEQ's role, as well, if the committee had recommendations.

Vice-Chair Leslie Duncan reminded everyone that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 4pm in the same location. At 6:09 p.m., Tiffany moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A Jones

Recording Secretary