

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

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2015

9:00 a.m.

BNSF Hauser Refueling Facility
11787 West Burlington Road, Rathdrum, ID

Committee Members Present: Paul Klatt, Leslie Duncan, BiJay Adams, Jim Markley, Mike Galante, Ronald Johnson, Kristy Reed Johnson, Tiffany Heiss, and Laurin Scarcello.

Also present were: BNSF General Foreman Vic Ahlf, BNSF Safety Manager Matt Zinke, BNSF Maintenance Manager John Jeffries, Commissioner David Stewart, Commissioner Dan Green, Commission Marc Eberlein, Kootenai County Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden, Kootenai County Administrative Supervisor Nancy Jones, Panhandle Health District Administrator Dale Peck, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrologist Gary Stevens, Recording Secretary Leighanna Ward, and citizens Helen Johnson, Jerry Jenkins, Krista Duncan, and Pierce Duncan.

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Paul Klatt called the meeting to order.

BNSF HAUSER REFUELING FACILITY INFORMATION AND TOUR: Matt Zinke reviewed safety and evacuation procedures. Vic Ahlf gave a history of the BNSF Hauser Refueling Facility including the remediation practices that are currently in place as a result of a past hazardous situation. Vic noted that the facility is the only multi-directional (east and west) facility in the Northwest, with the next closest being in Bolin, New Mexico. The group was divided in two groups and tours were given by Vic Ahlf and John Jeffries. Questions were answered regarding capacity, quantity, maintenance, communications, safety, and staffing.

At 10:45 a.m. the tours ended and the meeting reconvened. Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Eberlein, Attorney Pat Braden, Vic Ahlf, and Matt Zinke excused themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Tiffany Heiss to approve the June 10, 2015, minutes and seconded by Kristy Reed Johnson. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update regarding change of member representation / open position review:

Paul Klatt reviewed each of the Committee position terms with the following results:

Jim Markley (term ending 12/31/15)	Considering 2 nd term
Laurin Scarcello (term ending 12/31/15)	Will retain position for 2 nd term
Ronald Johnson (term ending 12/31/15)	Considering 2 nd term

Paul noted that although his term ends in 2017, he would like to step down as Chairman before that so he can mentor the new Chairman while his term is still active.

Aquifer recharge area protection update:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the zone change proposal for 6-12 lots at the north part of a Hauser Lake Subdivision. Dale Peck stated the zone change was not in the best interest of the Aquifer Protection District. Laurin Scarcello stated this is a sensitive recharge area, and in high flow years could have a negative impact on the aquifer. Helen Johnson voiced concern that Light Industrial zoning could have a negative impact on the aquifer since there is no sewer system in

place. Kristy Reed Johnson shared her concerns, particularly regarding septic issues, but stated she supports the Panhandle Health District as the governing body on this issue. Jim Markley suggested the Committee approach the developers with their concerns. Paul Klatt offered cooperative ways to support the recharge areas, including small financial assistance for landowners.

Kristy Reed Johnson made a motion to (1) provide educational information and support to Panhandle Health District and make recommendations to the BOCC, and (2) provide comments to the developers, voicing concerns over septic tanks and the recharge area. BiJay Adams seconded. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of new member applications:

Jim Hudson submitted an application for the open Irrigation District position. After discussion, Mike Galante made a motion to recommend to the Kootenai County Board of County Commissioners that they appoint Jim Hudson as the Irrigation representative of the Aquifer Protection District Committee. Tiffany Heiss seconded. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Jimmie Joe Honaker submitted an application for the Well Recognized Business Entity position. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Honaker's qualifications fall outside the scope of the current open position. The group agreed to thank Mr. Honaker for his application, inform him of the committee's decision, and notify him that his application will be kept on file through 2015 in case another position opens that fits his qualifications.

Guidelines for Chair/Vice-Chair to represent APD at public meetings:

The group discussed this issue as part of the recharge area discussion. No motion was made.

Other Business:

Nancy Jones reminded the attendees that the County FY16 Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm, if anyone wants to attend.

The Committee agreed to meet on an as-needed basis for matters that cannot be addressed without full committee participation. Phone conferences are acceptable for emergency meetings, if needed.

The Committee agreed the BNSF Hauser Refueling Facility tour was informative and insightful. It was suggested that having educational tours with meetings afterward is a good way for the Committee to gain additional information.

Mike Galante stated he is working with Todd Walker from the Hayden Lake Watershed Protection Association and the Richards family to reach an agreement regarding a conservation easement at the Richards' Hayden Lake property. Dalton Irrigation still needs to be contacted about this possible easement. Tiffany Heiss made a motion that Mike Galante continue to be the "point person" for this issue. Kristy Reed Johnson seconded. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m

Respectfully submitted,

Leighanna Ward
Recording Secretary