

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

Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2015  
4:00 p.m.

Boardroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene

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

Also present were: Panhandle Health District Administrator Dale Peck, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrologist Gary Stevens, Aquifer Protection District (APD) Committee Applicant Dion Holton, Kootenai County Administrative Supervisor Nancy Jones, citizen Helen Johnson, and Recording Secretary Leighanna Ward.

At 4:00 p.m., Chairman Paul Klatt called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Ron and Helen Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Mike Galante to approve the July 23, 2015 minutes and seconded by Kristy Reed Johnson. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Paul Klatt introduced the meeting attendees; noting this was Jim Markley's last meeting. Dion Holton will be replacing Jim Markley as the Municipal Domestic Water Provider representative beginning January, 2016. Jim Hudson was welcomed as the Irrigation District representative.

Kristy Reed Johnson presented Jim Markley with appreciation gifts and thanked him for his service to the APD.

At 4:07 p.m. Commissioner Marc Eberlein briefly joined the meeting to thank Jim Markley for his service.

At 4:09 Jim Markley exited the meeting, after making some brief comments.

Paul Klatt noted the City of Coeur d'Alene will be having a retirement celebration for Jim Markley on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library.

**MEMBER/SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

**Outreach and Education Subcommittee:** Kristy Reed Johnson stated that Jim Ekins from the Water Center of the University of Idaho is asking for funding help for an outdoor amphitheater/classroom for 150-200 students near the Coeur d'Alene Water Treatment Plant along the Centennial Trail. The project itself will cost \$70,000, which is mostly covered by grants. The project will be completed in spring, 2016. They are asking for \$2,000 to assist in funding the topography study.

At 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Dan Green joined the meeting.

Mike Galante requested that Mr. Ekins make a presentation to the committee at a future meeting before they make a decision. To avoid any potential problems with open meeting laws, Kristy Reed Johnson will forward some photos she took of the site to Nancy Jones. Nancy will forward the photos to the rest of the Committee for viewing, but not deliberating. Dan Green clarified that the

reason information must be distributed amongst the committee members through Kootenai County staff is so the public would have access to it via a Public Records Request. Ron Johnson strongly requested that the University of Idaho use all other available funding sources before the APD gives them money.

#### **COOPERATING AGENCY COMMENTS:**

No comments were made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Committee Member Updates:**

Committee members were asked to consider taking on new Chair, Vice-Chair, and Subcommittee roles for 2016. These will be discussed in more detail at the January, 2016 meeting. Paul Klatt requested staff provide an updated membership roster for the next meeting.

Discussed the current openings on the board: the At-Large position and the Well-Recognized Business Organization position. There are no current applicants for either of these. Helen Johnson would like to apply for the At-Large position when it re-opens. The Committee would like the open positions advertised in the newsletters of the 4 local Chambers of Commerce (Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Hayden, Rathdrum), the Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, and Soroptimist Club (Helen Johnson will give Paul Klatt information on this group).

At 4:23p.m. citizen Larry Spencer joined the meeting.

##### **2. Current Projects & Discussion Topics:**

**Aquifer Atlas Committee:** Mike Galante stated the committee will meet on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss creating a web-based interactive Aquifer Atlas map.

**IWAC.US Website:** Mike Galante stated there is a skeleton website available now. If anyone wants APD information or links added to the website (i.e. Kootenai County, Panhandle Health, or DEQ), please let him know. Washington State University students are assisting with branding for public outreach and awareness. This will be a regional message for both states and they would like to have the information ready for Spokane River Forum Conference.

**Spokane River Forum Conference:** Mike Galante stated the conference will be March 22 – 24, 2016 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Kristy Reed Johnson asked that staff send the Kootenai County logo to her so she can place it on the APD information she plans to bring to the conference. APD has budgeted \$3,000 for participation in the conference.

**Advisory Board Information:** Nancy Jones noted that the Kootenai County website will be updated with all the Advisory Boards' information. Any new information should be emailed to Nancy for placing on the website.

**FY16 Budget:** Dale Peck noted there was a classification discrepancy in the way the budget was presented. However, it did not have any effect on the final numbers.

##### **3. University of Idaho Outdoor Education Opportunity:**

The group discussed this issue as part of the Member/Subcommittee discussion. No motion was made.

**4. 2016 Meeting Schedule:**

Group agreed to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:00p.m. in the BOCC Boardroom from January 13<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the Spokane River Forum Conference.

Meetings will be in the BOCC Boardroom with the following exceptions:

April 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00p.m. Meeting/6:00p.m. Public Hearing at Panhandle Health District

April 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00p.m. Meeting in Room 1B of Administration Building

June 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00p.m. Meeting/6:00p.m. Public Hearing in Rooms 1A/B of Admin. Bldg.

Next meeting is January 13, 2016.

**Other Business:**

Dale Peck stated he will provide storm water information at the second meeting in January so it is available for the budget preparation.

Gary Stevens will determine a date to make the DEQ's budget presentation so it is available prior to the budget preparation. After he coordinates with his staff, he will let Paul Klatt know the date.

Paul Klatt stated he had received a request for comment on a mining permit application near the state line. He answered on behalf of the APD, stating he had concerns with it, especially trip activity that would be in the critical recharge areas. Paul also noted that one of the initiatives for 2016 is to have more interaction with land owners in recharge areas to try to get additional cooperative protection measures in place for the outlets from Hayden, Hauser, Twin Lakes, and Spirit Lake.

Motion was made by Kristy Reed Johnson to adjourn and seconded by Ron Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leighanna Ward  
Recording Secretary