

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom

Committee Members Present: Leslie Duncan, Tiffany Heiss, Jim Hudson, Laurin Scarcello, BiJay Adams, Dion Holton, and Paul Klatt via phone.

Also present were: Panhandle Health District Solid Waste Program Coordinator Erik Ketner, Department of Environmental Quality Regional Administrator Dan Redline, University of Idaho Area Water Educator Jim Ekins, Kootenai County Administrative Supervisor Nancy Jones and Recording Secretary Leighanna Ward.

At 4:01 Vice Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by BiJay Adams.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Tiffany Heiss to approve the December 10, 2015 minutes and seconded by Jim Hudson. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves. There were no Chairman's comments.

New Business

At 4:05 p.m. members Mike Galante and Kristy Reed Johnson arrived.

At 4:15 p.m. citizen Helen Johnson and Kootenai Environmental Alliance Executive Director Adrienne Cronebaugh arrived.

1. **U of I Outdoor Classroom Presentation:** Jim Ekins gave a 30-minute presentation on the proposed Outdoor Classroom Project. Total cost is approximately \$30,000. He requested \$1,000 to pay for a topographical survey to be completed before actual work can begin on the project. He stated the City of Coeur d'Alene would ultimately be responsible for all maintenance on the Outdoor Classroom. Mr. Ekins agreed to return with more construction information in April if the APD donated to the project. Motion was made by Laurin Scarcello to give \$1000 to the U of I Outdoor Classroom Project Kristy Reed Johnson seconded. The vote was taken. The motion carried. Paul Klatt clarified that the funding would come from the 2015-16 Education and Outreach budget.
2. **Kootenai Environmental Alliance Floating Treatment Wetlands Program and Grant Application:** Adrienne Cronebaugh gave a 30-minute presentation on the KEA Floating Treatment Wetlands Program. She requested \$15,000 in funding assistance for 2 large (70 square feet) wetlands and some

water quality and biomass sampling fees. The committee discussed where funding would come from since this item was not budgeted in the current fiscal year. Nancy Jones reminded the committee that amounts under \$5,000 can be reallocated within the budget without the BOCC approval. However, it is best to present this new project to the BOCC so they are aware of it. The committee agreed this is an important and relevant project and would like to discuss it further at the next meeting. Mike Galante stated he would research the status of two projects (Hayden Lake conservation easement and Timberlake High School well drilling) and find out how much money would be available if either of these projects did not happen this year.

- 3. Grant Availability:** Nancy Jones notified the committee that the Idaho Department of Water Resources Resource Board has project-based (not research) grants available for the APD. They will provide 1/3 of the funding for a project, if the APD pays 2/3, up to \$20,000. Example: \$60,000 project. APD pays \$40,000. IDWR pays \$20,000.
- 4. Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District Growers Meeting:** Members were asked to let Laurin Scarcello or Paul Klatt know if they had any agenda items they wanted discussed at the meeting. The meeting will be all day on February 23rd at the CDA Inn. Everyone is invited. Laurin is planning to attend.
- 5. Review and Update Member Roster:** Members were asked to review the current roster and let Leighanna Ward or Nancy Jones know if there are any changes. Nancy will be updating the APD Advisory Board page on the Kootenai County website soon. Contact information on the website will be limited to name and email address only.

The BOCC will be discussing all Advisory Board openings next week. They will decide when the application period for open positions will be re-opened. Mike Galante will ask Linda Kiefer at Avista if she is interested in applying for the Well-recognized Business organization position.

- 6. 2016 Officers:**
 - a. Chair and Vice-Chair:** Motion was made by Tiffany Heiss to nominate Leslie Duncan as Chairman and Paul Klatt as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Kristy Reed Johnson. The vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7. 2016 Subcommittees:**

Members agreed to be on the following subcommittees:

 - a. Work Elements:** Tiffany Heiss (Chair), BiJay Adams, Paul Klatt
 - b. Budget:** Mike Galante (Chair), BiJay Adams, Jim Hudson
 - c. Education & Outreach:** Kristy Reed Johnson (Chair), Laurin Scarcello, Dion Holton
- 8. 2016 Meeting Schedule Approval:** The June 8, 2016 meeting time was adjusted to 5:30p.m. rather than 4:00p.m. This is prior to the Public Hearing at 6:00p.m. Motion was made by BiJay Adams to approve the adjusted 2016 Meeting Schedule and seconded by Tiffany Heiss. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Mike Galante stated he would be absent from the March 9th meeting. Kristy Reed Johnson stated she would be absent from the April 13th meeting. BiJay Adams stated he would be absent at the February 10th and April 13th meetings.

- 9. Ron Johnson Appreciation:** Sadly, Helen Johnson informed the committee that her husband Ron had passed away the prior week. Helen stated that as one of the original members, the APD was very close to Ron's heart. Kristy Reed Johnson gave Helen a gift intended for Ron as appreciation for his years served on the committee.

APD Member Comments: Mike Galante recommended Ron Johnson's name be associated with an APD project. Laurin Scarcello suggested the U of I Outdoor Amphitheater. Committee agreed to discuss it further at another time.

Cooperating Agency Comments (PHD, DEQ, IDWR, etc.): Dan Redline mentioned 2 projects the DEQ is currently working on: 1) the Burlington Northern site, and 2) investigating (together with the Spokane River Regional Toxic Task Force) PCB's in ground water at a site in Rathdrum.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Mike Galante to adjourn and seconded by Dion Holton. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leighanna Ward
Recording Secretary