

**Kootenai County**  
**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District**  
**Policy and Budget Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way  
Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom

**Committee Members Present:** Leslie Duncan, Kristy Reed Johnson, Jim Hudson, Dion Holton, Laurin Scarcello, and BiJay Adams. Tiffany Heiss was excused.

Also present were: Panhandle Health District Administrator Dale Peck, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrologist Gary Stevens and Recording Secretary Leighanna Ward.

At 4:03 Chairman Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Laurin Scarcello.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Kristy Reed Johnson to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes and seconded by Dion Holton. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

**Chairman's Comments and Introductions:** Leslie Duncan requested the Budget Committee reformat the budget spreadsheet to make it easier to read and more user-friendly. Mike Galante and Leighanna Ward agreed to work on that together.

### **Unfinished Business**

At 4:08 p.m. Vice-Chair Paul Klatt arrived

- 1. Kootenai Environmental Alliance Floating Treatment Wetlands Program and Grant Application:** The committee discussed financially supporting this program with \$15,000 from the \$45,000 that was set aside in FY2015-16 for the Hayden Lake Conservation Easement project. That project was budgeted for but will not occur in FY2015-16. The committee would like to then reinstate \$15,000 back into FY2016-17 for the Hayden Lake Conservation Easement project. The APD is supportive of the Floating Treatment Wetlands program and believes the community is supportive also, but would like to see more data that supports water quality improvement before they give money beyond the \$15,000.

Motion was made by Paul Klatt to 1) take \$15,000 from the FY2015-16 recharge project budget and reallocate it to the KEA Floating Treatment Wetlands program and 2) reinstate \$15,000 back into in the FY2016-17 recharge project budget. Kristy Reed Johnson seconded. The vote was taken. The motion carried. Leslie Duncan will schedule a meeting with the BOCC for approval of this.

**2. Enhanced Storm Water Program Presentation:** Dale Peck made a 30-minute presentation on the proposed Shallow Injection Well Inventory and Storm Water Improvement Project. This project would physically locate, map, and assess all storm water injection points over the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. Initial and ongoing collaboration would occur between Kootenai County GIS, Panhandle Health District, Idaho Department of Water Resources, City of Coeur d'Alene, and City of Post Falls. Entities that would benefit from the project include firefighters and Kootenai County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The project will begin Spring 2016, with the \$17,200 initial cost being covered by the FY2015-16 Panhandle Health District budget. PHD would request \$15,000 for FY2016-17 and annually until the project is complete. The estimated completion time frame is 3-4 years.

Committee was supportive of the project. Gary Stevens stated the DEQ is proposing to put together a Storm Water Handbook to identify terms and educate the public.

Kristy Reed Johnson made a motion for Panhandle Health District to include this project in their FY2016-17 budget presentation in April. Mike Galante Seconded. Vote was taken. Motion passed.

#### **APD Member Comments:**

1. Laurin Scarcello will be attending the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District Growers Meeting on February 23rd at the CDA Inn. Any ideas for agenda items can be given to him.
2. Kristy Reed Johnson will set up an APD booth at the Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce After Hours Business Fair at the CDA Resort on February 16th. As in the past, she will pay the fee with her credit card and have Kootenai County reimburse her from the budgeted funds. The chair concurred and noted that this was an approved budget item for 2016.
3. The committee recommended a plaque be made and placed on a basalt stone the University of Idaho Outdoor Amphitheater for Ronald Johnson. The committee would like this information included in the official U of I press release and put on the Kootenai County Advisory Board website (with Helen's approval). In addition, the committee would like to have a "recognition of years of service to APD" certificate given to Helen Johnson with a condolence card. Later, the APD can send her a letter informing her of the plaque. The plaque and press release will need to be coordinated with Jim Ekins at the University of Idaho.
4. Mike Galante informed the committee that he has encouraged Linda Kiefer from Avista Utilities to apply for the Well Recognized Business position on the committee. She seemed excited and will talk to her supervisors about applying.
5. Leslie Duncan stated there is also an applicant for the At Large position. The Applicant had applied to the Fair Advisory Board and was asked by the BOCC if she would be interested in the APD position instead. Leslie and Paul will talk to her before the next meeting. If she does not work out for the APD, more applications can be accepted when the application period opens again.

**Cooperating Agency Comments (PHD, DEQ, IDWR, etc.):** Gary Stevens stated the DEQ has documents available for any interested APD Member regarding a Wisconsin study about PCB contamination in wells. Currently there is no monitoring at wells and lubricating oils are weeping into the Aquifer.

Paul Klatt reminded the committee that the Spokane River Forum is March 22 - 24.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Dion Holton to adjourn and seconded by Mike Galante. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leighanna Ward  
Recording Secretary