

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

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

Panhandle Health District, 8500 N Atlas Rd, Hayden, ID 83835

Committee Members Present: Leslie Duncan, Jim Hudson, Laurin Scarcello, Mike Galante, Dion Holton, and Tiffany Heiss. Paul Klatt, Kristy Reed Johnson, and BiJay Adams were excused.

Also present were Panhandle Health District Administrator Dale Peck, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Representative Allen Beardslee, Soil Conservation Representative Fran Hughes, Panhandle Health District Solid Waste Program Coordinator Erik Ketner, Citizens Mary Vehr and Bob Haynes, Board Administrative Supervisor Nancy Jones, and Recording Secretary Alethea Carpenter.

At 4:07 p.m., Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: No flag was present, Chair Leslie Duncan dispensed with the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the March 9, 2016, minutes was made by Laurin Scarcello and seconded by Jim Hudson. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Leslie welcomed the attendees and asked for input from the Board in regards to funds spent and to examine that the funds are spent responsibly – with focused projects and accomplish the mission statement. She also requests Board input on reasonable reserve, including what the Commissioners consider reasonable asking for those who have personal knowledge or input. A discussion ensued in regards to the definition of reasonable reserve with a request for Nancy to ask the Commissioners for input on budget use and extra funds. It was also noted, by Mike Galante, that the Commissioners had previously suggested a \$100,000 carryover. He also noted that protection for the Aquifer from tributaries, specifically Hayden and Twin Lakes, warrant special protection. The amounts needed are unknown at this time. Carryover is warranted. Leslie appreciated the input.

Business Items

Panhandle Health District FY17 Budget Request Presentation: Dale Peck gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing a progress report and budget requests. His presentation included:

- A history of the Aquifer
- Funding history; including current team, program statistics, inspection corrective actions, non-domestic waste water, minor contamination events,

sewage management, interagency coordination, community outreach, water quality monitoring, shallow injection well registration and inventory.

- Execution of the FY15 Budget; including FY15 approved budget of \$354,400, FY15 program execution,
- Execution of the FY16 Budget; including FY16 approved budget of \$329, 500, FY16 expense detail through March 2016, FY16 billing through March 2016.
- FY17 Budget Request; including FY17 work elements, sewage management, shallow injection wells (SIW), shallow injection well inventory program enhancements, water quality monitoring, interagency cooperation,
- FY17 Budget On-going request: \$340,500
- FY17 Storm water Enhancement: \$28,400
- FY17 Total Budget Request: \$368,900

Dale opened up the floor to questions. Mike Galante wanted to know if the excess would be spent on GPS. Dale said they would be using the current year funds, no request was made for additional funds. Mike also asked for clarification on the project sheets which were answered by Dale. Mike also commented that the critical materials program is fantastic. Dale is the envy to area and the outreach is working.

Fran Hughes – Soil Conservation: Fran Hughes thanked the board for the support received and asked for \$1500 to continue program of soil conservation. The next step, he said, was to reach landscape companies, home owners associations, land scape architects, etc. He suggested smart controllers through Agramet. He then opened the floor to questions. Mike Galante asked if the price of the smart controllers has come down, he said they were high priced for a residential arena. He also said the approach to the larger companies is excellent and supports the idea of targeting consumer companies in our area. Fran suggested looking into finding a simple system for homeowners. Laurin recommends continuation of support. Leslie added the budget committee will review and give recommendation at the next meeting.

Update on River Forum: Mike Galante gave a report of Spokane River Forum. He noted there was an exceptional amount of information given. There were breakout sessions with interesting speakers. He also noted there was a large attendance and a larger venue may be required next time. Jim added education is the biggest thing and a good way to approach it. A discussion ensued about the heavy metals showing in CDA lake, Mike recommends the committee stay in close contact with those involved in lake management. He also noted financial support of Forum is well warranted. Tiffany added a suggestion of KEA adding a group of those interested in protecting the lake, having an email system with a call to action. She suggests a partnership to do this. Leslie asked Mike to stay in contact with the tribe.

FY17 Budget Update: Nancy Jones presented a handout with FY 15-16 and gave a report of requests to date; including Panhandle Health District, Soil Conservation Educational Outreach, Agrimet Enhanced Maintenance, and DEQ Aquifer Program. The reports also included were a budget performance report and detailed ledger YTD. There was also a 5 year projections list added.

APD Member/Subcommittee Comments

Work Elements, Budget, Outreach and Education: Mike informed the committee IWAC (Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative) will submit a budget request before the 15th to be added to the next meeting agenda of a one-time \$10,000 regional educational request that will be shared with other entities. Nancy informed the committee the budget needs to be submitted to the county by April 22nd. Mike and Kristy will both be submitting a budget. Dale had a correction of the FY15-16 budget of \$329,500. Tiffany commented that subcommittees will start meeting again after budget requests are in. Fran requested the help of a volunteer to assist at Farm to Table for 5th grade classes in the area at the Fairgrounds. He is looking for one Aquifer speaker to talk about water on two days this year – May 18-19, a 10-minute presentation as the kids rotate through stations. Dale said his staff would provide the support for this event.

Cooperating Agency Comments (PHD, DEQ, IDWR, etc.)

IDWR - Al Beardslee expressed thanks for support and said Spirit Lake is underway in June, adding a FY17 Rathdrum project. Al also asked if further discussion could happen regarding Hayden Gauge. IDWR might be willing to take part if project could move forward. A discussion ensued on the expense of USGS requirements, and how to maintain the gauge. Mike asked the committee to consider quantity versus quality of gauge.

Chairman Leslie Duncan called for a recess at 5:43 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Public Hearing

The Aquifer Protection District Budget and Policy Committee met to conduct a Public Hearing, for which notice was given in the March 30, 2016, and April 6, 2016 *Coeur d'Alene Press*, pursuant to *Idaho Code* §39-507, for the purpose of receiving public comment and input on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (FY17) APD Budget.

Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Tiffany Heiss and seconded by Mike Galante. The vote was taken, the motion carried, and the Public Hearing officially opened at 6:06 p.m. for public comment.

APD Member Laurin Scarcello spoke in favor of continuing support for the Grower's Program in the FY17 budget cycle.

Citizen Helen Johnson shared concerns that some homeowners, especially those new to the area, may not be aware of the importance of proper septic system maintenance. She spoke in favor of the group funding and initiating a project for the creation of a brochure to promote awareness of this topic and possibly providing it to title and/or real estate companies and the local Chambers. Mrs. Johnson also suggested taking action to improve outreach on water issues, such as those presented at the Spokane River Forum and those related to CDA Tribe regulations and other water quality issues. A press release detailing River Forum topics was specifically noted for additional future consideration.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Mike Galante and seconded by Dion Holton. The vote was taken and the motion carried. The Public Hearing was officially closed at 6:15 p.m.

Leslie thanked everyone for their attendance, participation, and for the presentations provided. Motion to adjourn was made by Dion and seconded by Jim Hudson. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alethea Carpenter
Recording Secretary

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