

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2012

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17, 9227 E. Upriver Drive, Spokane, Washington on April 26, 2012. President Ty Wick was in attendance. A total of 14 attended the meeting, 11 SAJB voting representatives, 2 non-voting members and 1 guest. Program Manager Tonilee Hanson was absent.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or comments to the Minutes of March 22, 2012. Hearing none, Jim Lahde moved to approve the minutes and Bruce Davidson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice President Bob Ashcraft reported for the Treasurer as follows:

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB Checking Account balance is \$5,657.46

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$83,777.52. Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$56,945.78.

Presented Administration and WIP Bills

President Wick presented the Bill Payment Summary for April 2012. The April Bill Payment Summary totaled \$7,950.55. Those present reviewed the summary. The April summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$264.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$5,430.95. The Program Leader Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of April amounted to \$3,480.63. Terry Squibb moved to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented, Jim Lahde seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection – The next Wellhead Protection Meeting will be held at 1:30 pm, June 4th, 2012, in the Centerplace Conference Center. The DOH Wellhead Protection grant modeling work is moving ahead and feedback on the progress will be provided at the upcoming meeting.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – President Wick reported that the 4th IWAC meeting was held at Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District, on April 24th, 2012. IWAC is still in a formative state and making progress. Tonilee Hanson has been facilitating the meetings as part of the SAJB commitment to advancing the organizational phase. Discussions regarding on-going facilitation have been initiated and Bob Haines, who recently retired from IDWR, has expressed an interest in facilitating IWAC. A six month trial phase for Bob has been proposed; which would be supported by splitting duties with a graduate student who would take minutes and distribute meeting materials and notifications. Idaho water purveyors have offered to cover the costs for the next six months while long term funding of IWAC is determined.

IWAC funding will need to address facilitation costs, federal rules and income taxes. It is hoped that IWAC will build momentum and obtain funding sources through grants or loans to address RPSV Aquifer issues. Henry Allen, City of Spokane Valley, asked how much funding was needed. President Wick estimated that \$15,000 would cover facilitation.

Bob Ashcraft questioned how IWAC would secure funding without a public entity type organizational structure that could accept public funds. Additional considerations raised were, "Where will the money go?" and "How much power will each entity have in making decisions about the use of funds"?

Ty Wick provided the SAJB organizing documents to IWAC organizers as a model for discussion. Ecology is interested in IWAC's potential; but most likely would only provide funding for start up costs of the group. WIRA funding is gone. The Spokane County Conservation District has looked at alternative funding that would need state legislative approval prior to implementation. Spokane County Commissioners could place a ballot measure on for the next election so the public could decide on tax funding; but are reluctant to do so during the economic downturn. Funds are tight for everyone with 10 -15 K needed for just a facilitator. Whitworth Water District No. 2 already annually funds \$17K to maintain a gauge on the Little Spokane River.

The next IWAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at LLSWD large conference room. All future meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at LLSWD.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2012-08 SAJB – Bank Change from Bank of America to Washington Trust Bank and authorize signatures of all SAJB officers. President Wick reported that BofA was less than helpful in moving branches and changing the signature to include the new Treasurer Neal Skaufel. Washington Trust is local and convenient for the new Treasurer to conduct SAJB business. Bruce Davidson moved to approve Resolution 2012-08 and Terry Squibb seconded the motion. There was no discussion. President Wick called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

- 5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN** – Since Program Manager – Tonilee Hanson was absent, President Wick summarized the WIP report which was sent out to all members in advance of the meeting.

2012 1st Quarter Summary Report - Members made no comments regarding the Program Manager's 1st Quarter report e-mailed prior to the meeting.

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory – 50% of the PCSI reports have been completed and returned. Prompt return of the remaining reports would be appreciated so the letters can go out soon to the identified businesses

Centennial Trail Signs – Are ready for printing and installation.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day – April 28, 2012, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Spokane Valley Police Department parking lot 12710 E. Sprague – Reminder of the upcoming event and thanks to everyone for the work they have done to promote the drug take back opportunity to their customers.

- 6) OPEN FORUM** –

- 7) GUEST SPEAKER** – None

- 8) ADJOURN**

There being no further business this 26nd day of April, 2012, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry