

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2013

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at the Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17, 9227 E Upriver Drive, Spokane, Washington 99206. President Ty Wick was in attendance. A total of 18 attended the meeting; including 10 SAJB voting representatives. One non-voting member and seven guests.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of March 28, 2013. Hearing none the Minutes were approved as submitted.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Ty Wick reported for the Treasurer.

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB Checking Account balance for April is \$4,298.86

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$75,830. Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$57,504.06.

Administration and WIP Bill Summary for April

President Wick presented the Bill Payment Summary for the month of April 2013.

The April Bill Payment Summary totaled \$14,070.63. SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$10,260.00. The Program Leader Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of April amounted to \$3,810.63.

Those present reviewed the summary. Scott Inch 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 Wellhead Protection Policy Coordinating Committee met on Monday, April 15, 2013 at CenterPlace Regional Event Center. City Planners from the Cities of Spokane, Spokane Valley and Millwood attend intermittently providing suggestions for policy implementation language. Definition discussions continue for the “non-capture zones time of travel: 1 year or less, 2 years and ½ mile from the edges”. In each case, new developments

would be required to run the aquifer model to estimate the impact of stormwater on wells. It was noted that all new construction requires grassy swales be installed around new drywell; which is a higher level of groundwater protection than the earlier model of drywells in paved surfaces. A process for managing future model runs and protecting the integrity of the information derived from the model is yet to be determined. The next WPPCC meeting is 1:30 pm on 5/13/13 at CenterPlace Regional Event Center.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – President Wick reported that the IWAC meeting, scheduled for April 12, 2013, was cancelled to allow time for legal review of the proposed bylaws and articles of incorporation. Informal discussions were held proposing a fee structure of \$1000 for larger districts and \$500 for smaller districts. The fee proposal will be presented at the IWAC meeting on 5/14/13, 1:30 pm at LLSWD.

2013 Potential Contaminant Source Inventory – New Candidates – Reanette Boese asked for a status update on the PCSI lists sent to purveyors for review and editing. Most districts have returned their PCSI updated lists and three were still in process at the time of this meeting. PM Hanson will work with the remaining districts to finalize their reviews.

4) NEW BUSINESS

National Water Week May 5-11 – AWWA had developed templates for daily press releases for local use to advertise activities. They are available on the website. The Poster contest deadline is 4/26/13. The contest is co-sponsored by KSPS and SAJB for National Drinking Water Week and ideas for displaying the winning posters were discussed. Todd Henry will check to see if the winning posters could be displayed at the PNWS-AWWA Section conference being held in Spokane on 5/8-10/2013.

Service Area Map - Searchable Google Earth – Reanette Boese demonstrated the draft service area map and how to use it to search for the water district serving any Spokane County address. Moab service area was shown as an example of why it may be important for each purveyor to review the map boundaries for accuracy. Use of “retail boundaries” or “coordinated service area boundaries” was also discussed. Two files of the map will be sent out for review. The boundary decision will be made by each district. They are asked to select the boundary they want displayed and inform Reanette Boese.

WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Program Manager Tonilee Hanson**2013 School & Community Events****Completed**

- 4/15-18 – WVOLC Water Festival was not held. A similar event is scheduled for 5/11 at the Spokane County Water Resource Center
- 4/20/13 – Earth Day
- 4/21/13 – St. Al's Caring for Creation

Upcoming

- 4/27/13 – Arbor Day Tree Planting / Compost Fair – Finch Arboretum
- 5/11/13 – Jr. Lilac Parade
- 5/22/13 – Gogh Green at Greenacres Elementary
- 6/5/13 – Spokane Youth Environmental Conference at SCC
- June 3,4, 6,7,10,11,12,13 - Mead Outdoor Environmental Education Days
- 8/2-4/13 – Hillyard Heritage Festival (This is an event SAJB has not attended in recent years. It was brought to the members for discussion. PM will register for the event.)
- 9/21-23/13 – Valley Fest Parade and 2 day Fair

EnviroStars Update – Two dental offices were certified this month bringing the total to 63 certified businesses. Five more dentists have expressed interest in certification as a result of seeing the EnviroStars display and promotional information provided at the Spokane Dental Society Conference April 18-19, 2013.

Website Statistics for www.Spokaneaquifer.org

Dates	11/1/12- 3/14/13 (5 month baseline)	3/15-4/14/13
Total visits	9,763	3,332
Ave. visits/month	1,952	3,026
Page views	34,544	10,080
Ave. visit duration	1:32 minutes	1:23 minutes
Unique visitors	89.34%	89.47%
Returning visitors	10.66%	10.50%
Page visits	3.5 pages	3.03 pages
Bounce Rate	49.71 %	57.83%
Peak Dates	11/1, 1/15-20, 3/8	4/9, 4/11 Facebook & Poster Contest

Comparisons between the five month baseline and this month shows audience growth as the Aqua Duck social media campaign and the poster contest were promoted in March & April. Trends need to be analyzed over an entire school year as the 5 month baseline included the winter vacation and during summer vacation numbers are again expected to drop. The Virtual Field Trips draw the most visitors but the Middle School aquifer VFT shows high "bounce rate" numbers. Meaning students do not complete the Middle School VFT. This could mean the tour needs some revision to hold student interest. Over the next few months the VFT data will be more completely analyzed to determine which pages are being most and or least visited.

5) OPEN FORUM – PNWS- AWWA Conference May 8-10, 2013, Spokane Convention Center – Todd Henry and local members are playing a major role in organizing the Tapping Competition, Fun Night and Water Tasting Competition and many more conference activities.

6) GUEST – Cory Bryant, Field Energy Analyst, Upper Columbia Resource Conservation & Development - Spokane County Conservation District. Contact information phones: office: 509-535-7274 cell: 509-999-3167. E-mail: corey.ucrcd@hotmail.com. www.savewatersaveenergy.org. Corey presented information about an upcoming project to place irrigation system "smart control boxes" that are linked to weather stations monitoring micro climates. The goal would be to reduce water and fertilizer use and costs for farmers. Information about this program can be found at http://www.savewatersaveenergy.org/home/agy/page_25/scientific_irrigation_scheduling_sis.html.

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 25th day of April, 2013, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:44 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry