

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 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 15 attended the meeting; including 10 SAJB voting representatives, one non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson and three guests.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of April 25, 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 May is \$6,922.36

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$72,314.74. Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$57,545.02.

Administration and WIP Bill Summary for May

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

The May Bill Payment Summary totaled \$14,070.63. SAJB Administration bills of \$11.39 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$3,513.76. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of May amounted to \$2,911.26.

Those present reviewed the summary. 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 Wellhead Protection Policy Coordinating Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2013 at CenterPlace Regional Event Center. Doug Greenlund reported regarding the on-going stormwater injection discussions and the implications for wellhead protection zones. One proposal under consideration would be to require developers to use the recent Microfem modeling as part of a comprehensive project plan if “yet to be defined

trigger limits" were reached. The recommendations are slated to wrap up in the fall and be discussed with planning commissions.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – President Wick reported that IWAC met on May 14, 2013. The IWAC bylaws and articles of incorporation were reviewed by legal counsel, submitted to the State of Idaho and accepted. IWAC is now a legally recognized non-profit entity. IWAC members, by consensus, adopted the SAJB recommended fee structure of \$1000 for larger districts and \$500 for smaller districts. Larger districts were defined as 2,000 connections or more and small districts are less than 2,000 connections. Dale Ralston, Allyson Beall and Guy Gregory, were proposed as potential speakers to informational presentations at future meetings.

4) NEW BUSINESS

ID & WA combined Service Area Map - Searchable Google Earth. Idaho water purveyor boundaries are being defined and included into the Spokane County Water purveyor service area map. Reanette Boese is working with Mike Hermanson to update the service area boundaries as verified by both Idaho and Washington purveyors. The updated combined map will be ready in the fall. Work is continuing to provide the Google map on www.spokaneaquifer.org. A test map has been prepared, but the search feature is presently not functional unless the viewer has Google Earth installed on their computer. Work will continue over the summer recess to provide the search feature on the SAJB website.

SAJB Summer Recess – SAJB will adjourn during the summer construction season. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 26, 2013.

WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Program Manager Tonilee Hanson reviewed the status of all WIP budget line items. The 1st quarter report can be found on the SAJB website at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/sajb-meeting-52313/>.

2013 School & Community Events – Aqua Duck continues to draw both children and adults to the SAJB booth at community events. PM Hanson requested that additional funds to hire Aqua Duck performers be increased prior to the summer recess because of the number of upcoming community events that would occur before the board meets again in September. The additional funds for Aqua Duck could be made available by transferring the undesignated \$1,000 for Household Contaminant Disposal – Public Awareness to the Aqua Duck line item. This is a logical place to draw the funds because Aqua Duck draws students to the booth and while they make an EnviroStars bracelet the parents are introduced to the "Hazardous Chemicals in the Home" brochure as well as things the whole family can do to keep contaminants out of the aquifer. Bruce Davidson moved to reallocate the funds for Aqua Duck actors as requested and Terry Squibb seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Completed

- 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

Upcoming

- 6/5/13 – Spokane Youth Environmental Conference at SCC
- 6/8/13 – Parade of PAWS – Spokane Humane Society
- June 3,4, 6,7,10,11,12,13 - Mead Outdoor Environmental Education Days
- 6/24/13 – North East Community Center in Hillyard – Fundraiser
- 8/2-4/13 – Hillyard Heritage Festival
- 8/11/13 – Kids Day
- 8/17/13 – Mutt Strut – Liberty Lake
- 8/23/13 - Transitions Back to School party for homeless families
- 8/24/13 – Millwood Daze
- 9/6-9/16 – Interstate Fair – Green Zone
- 9/21-22/13 – Valley Fest

Website Statistics for www.Spokaneaquifer.org

Dates 2012-2013	Nov. 2012- March 14, 2013 (5 month baseline)	March 15 - April 14	April 15 - May14
Total visits	9,763	3,332	2,352
Ave. visits/month	1,952	3,026	2,699
Page views	6,909/mo	10,080	8,703
Ave. visit duration	1:32 minutes	1:23 minutes	1:19 minutes
Unique visitors	89.34%	89.47%	85.85%
Returning visitors	10.66%	10.50%	14.1%
Page visits	3.5 pages	3.03 pages	3.22 pages
Bounce Rate	49.71 %	57.83%	46.94%
Peak Dates	11/1, 1/15-20, 3/8	4/9, 4/11	4/15, 4/29, 5/14

Website statistics above are compared across the five month baseline, April and May 2013. April experienced audience growth as the Aqua Duck social media campaign and the poster contest were promoted in March & April. **Late April and May are earmarked for preparation and administration of student performance tests and a decline in aquifer tour activity is to be expected.** 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 still draw the most visitors. Over the next few months the VFT data will be more completely analyzed to determine which pages are being most and or least visited.

Small Business Proactive Assistance - EnviroStars Expanding Opportunities: The City of Spokane Waste Management and Solid Waste have approved funding requests for the EnviroStars program that match the current level of SAJB funding for EnviroStars. The EnviroStars program will continue the focus on small businesses with targeted hazardous wastes. The additional funding will support EnviroStars including a comprehensive expansion into the Cochrane Basin. Requests for additional Local Source Control Specialist FTE have been submitted to the Department of Ecology by the Spokane Regional Health District. Funding for increased LSC specialists will provide much needed "boots on the ground" to strengthen the EnviroStars program outreach. The Spokane River Forum has also submitted an EPA Public Participation grant proposal to create an on-line Hazardous Waste directory. Funding decisions should be announced by the fall. PM Hanson has been invited to write EnviroStars articles for **One Man's Trash** and for **Living Green**. Both articles will be published the first week of July. New EnviroStars businesses continue to be certified.

5) OPEN FORUM –

- 6) GUEST –** Rick Freier, Spokane Valley Fire Department reported that fire hydrants are being targeted and brass parts stolen. Please notify Rick at the Spokane Valley Fire Department if fire hydrants in your service area have missing parts.
FreierR2@spokanevalleyfire.com

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 23rd day of May, 2013, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry