

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2013

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Spokane County Water District No. 3, 1225 Yardley Street, Spokane, Washington 99212. President Ty Wick was in attendance. A total of 16 attended the meeting; including 12 SAJB voting representatives, one non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson and two guests. The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests present is available upon request.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of May 23, 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 balance for September is \$4,061.36

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$32,326.59. Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$57,689.35.

Administration and WIP Bill Summary for September

President Wick presented the Bill Payment Summary for the summer recess months of June, July, August and September 2013.

The June Bill Payment Summary totaled \$20,697.34. The June summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$00.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$20,697.34. The Program Leader Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of June amounted to \$4,362.34.

The July Bill Payment Summary totaled \$11,007.53. The July summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$00.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$11,007.53. The Program Leader Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of July amounted to \$1,007.53.

The August Bill Payment Summary totaled \$6,171.67. The August summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$2,500 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$3,671.67. The Program Leader Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of August amounted to \$3,581.67.

The September Bill Payment Summary totaled \$4,605.61. The September summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$00.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$4,605.61. The Program Leader Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of September amounted to \$4,080.61.

Those present reviewed the summary. Bob Ashcraft moved to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented and ratify the actions of the officers related to payment of these bills, 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 several times over the summer recess at CenterPlace Regional Event Center. Lloyd Brewer reviewed the current status of the recommendations, including areas of agreement across interest groups (e.g., water purveyors, stormwater management, planning departments) and areas that require more discussion. The recommendations document now includes a table of contents; an historic review of aquifer protection; and incidents of wells lost to contamination including the costs. SAJB members are asked to send any additional examples of wells that were lost due to contamination. Lloyd will send the WPPCC document and identify specific content for SAJB members to review and provide commentary.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – Program Manager Hanson reported that IWAC met on June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10, 2013. Guest Speakers included:

- In July, Dale Ralston & Guy Gregory discussed instream flow rulemaking and a funded research proposal to determine the impact of pumping rates for wells near the river during the low flow season.
 - <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Ralston-Johnson-5-15-13-proposal.pdf>
 - <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/iwac-meeting-792013/>
- In August, John Porcello and Walt Burt presented the GSI MicroFem SVRP Aquifer Groundwater Flow Model
 - <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/2012-updated-and-expanded-svrp-aquifer-groundwater-flow-model/>
- In September, Melanie Thornton stepped in for Allyson Beall King who was ill, and presented the WSU WISDM Grant Watershed Integrated System Dynamics Modeling.
 - <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/watershed-integrated-system-dynamics-modeling/>
- For the October 8th IWAC meeting Mike Hermanson is scheduled to present the Spokane County Water Demand model and updated forecast.

All presentations are available on the SAJB website www.spokaneaquifer.org.

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. A test map has been upgraded with the search feature for Washington purveyors. The search feature is functional without the viewer needing Google Earth installed on their computer however, the Idaho purveyor portion of the map is not yet searchable. Work is continuing to provide the searchable Google map on www.spokaneaquifer.org.

AWWA Award Application – If you have not already sent your AWWA membership number and your district's yearly pumping rates to Program Manager Hanson, please do so as soon as possible.

CCR – City of Spokane Electronic Delivery - Bill Rickard presented the process that the City of Spokane developed to provide electronic delivery of the 2012 Consumer Confidence Reports. Bill credited Marlene Feist with providing the technical expertise to make the transition to electronic delivery using the City's website, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, radio and TV to inform customers. The City of Spokane reduced the 2011 printing and mailing costs of \$15,196.17 to a 2012 expenditure of \$2,370.01. This represents a savings of \$12,826.16. A pdf of the City of Spokane's CCR Electronic Delivery presentation is available at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/sajb-meeting-92613/>.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Election of SAJB Officers – The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were opened to the members for the election of officers. Jim Lahde moved that the current slate of officers be re-elected for a two year term from July 2013 to July 2015. Doug Babin seconded the motion. The vote of the members was unanimous. The SAJB officers are as follows: President Ty Wick, Vice President Bob Ashcraft, Secretary Todd Henry and Treasurer Neal Skaufel.

Aquifer Atlas Update - Survey and Planning Meeting – Reanette Boese, Spokane County Water Resources, sent out a survey requesting feedback on the 2009 Aquifer Atlas and suggestions for updates to a new version of the atlas. A doodle poll will be sent out to select the date for an initial planning meeting. The poll will go to everyone who responded to the survey or sent an e-mail indicating an interest in being a part of the planning group.

SAJB Groundwater Model vs. USGS Groundwater model - This agenda item was tabled for the October Meeting

WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Program Manager Tonilee Hanson reviewed the status of all WIP budget line items. The 3rd quarter report and supporting documents can be found on the SAJB website at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/sajb-meeting-92613/>

2009-2012 State Audit – The State Auditor's office is in the process of conducting an audit of SAJB for the years 2009-2012. Meeting minutes, resolutions, bill payment summaries, budgets, bank accounts, county pool and audit forms 022 and 01 have been submitted as requested. Brandt Orme, Special Purpose District Coordinator, State Auditor's Office, requested that SAJB include the names of all in attendance at each meeting. The request was discussed by the members present who preferred that names not be included. It was suggested that future meeting minutes include the following statement, *"The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests present is available upon request"*. This suggested language was added to these meeting minutes in the Call to Order.

2013 School & Community Events A comprehensive list of the 2012 and 2013 Education and Awareness events is provided on the 9/26/13 Meeting Webpage.

Completed

- 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

Upcoming

- 10/5/13 - Bark For Life
- 10/26/13 – Fall Leaf Festival

Aquifer Folder Distribution – Summary of Distribution

- 2010 Spokane Public Schools District 81 – PM Erin Casci distributed folders.
- 2010-2013 KSPS provides folders during the Aquifer in a Cup Workshops.
- 2011-2013 Central Valley School District has requested and received 3 boxes of folders each year for all 1,050 second grade students in the district.
- September 2012-2013 Gonzaga University – Environmental Science Class received 100 folders each year and a box of 2009 Aquifer atlases.
- 2011-2013 Mead School District Teachers received folders in each year from boxes provided to Stacy Selcho at the County Conservation District. Every 5th grade student received a folder during the *"Mead Outdoor Environmental Days"* in classes with PM Hanson during June 2013.
- August 2012 folders were distributed in to all private schools in the area.
- 2011-2013 7 boxes of folders have been given out at education and awareness events.

- Ten boxes of folders are still available. PM Hanson asked for guidance on distributing the remaining folders. The members present agreed that District 81 be approached to see if there is interest.

Website Statistics for www.Spokaneaquifer.org Website statistics were compared from the launch of the updated website November 2012 to September 2013. The summer decline of visits due to school summer vacations was consistent with statistics available from 2006-2011. Analysis of the page and content views showed an increase of web traffic at the IWAC pages and in relation to Aqua Duck's presence at community events. Further research is needed to explain the page view statistics. It is not clear whether a student taking an entire virtual tour is counted as only one page being viewed. The virtual tours continue to be the highest viewed pages.

Small Business Proactive Assistance - The Spokane River Forum was awarded a two year, EPA Public Participation Grant (PPG) to create an on-line Hazardous Waste directory that focuses on Eastern Washington waste regulations, disposal vendors and technical assistance opportunities.

PM Hanson wrote an EnviroStars article on Landscaping and mulch mowing for **One Man's Trash** which will be published the first week of October and distributed as an insert in the Spokesman Review and Inlander.

Newly certified EnviroStars businesses include Pepsi-Cola bottling company. The Spokane Valley distribution center for Pepsi has a fleet of 70 trucks and initial discussions have proposed adding the EnviroStars logo to each truck. This will need approval from the national Pepsi headquarters but would provide a huge opportunity for promoting EnviroStars.

KSPS Third Quarter Report – The KSPS power point is available for viewing with the September meeting documents at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/sajb-meeting-92613/>

- 29 "Aquifer in a Cup" workshops have been completed.
- 27 more workshop requests have been scheduled through January of 2014.
- Workshop Evaluations by teachers continue to be excellent.
- 237 students entered the Aqua Duck Drinking Water Poster Contest. Five winners and their teachers received backpacks filled with books, fun water activities and passes to Mobius Science Center.
- Silverwood 17th Annual Physics and Science Days were held May 22-23, 2013. Over 3,400 teachers and High School students visited the KSPS booth.
- Kid's Day, August 10, 2013, hundreds of families received an aquifer map, comic books and met Aqua Duck.
- Video Production: An 8 minute video was produced to demonstrate the learning kids do during the Aquifer in a Cup Workshops. A 30 second promotional spot was produced from this video to refresh the spot which airs

about 20 times a month during PBS kids. A 15 second video spot to recognize the poster contest winners was produced and aired May – June 2013.

5) OPEN FORUM –

City of Millwood City Hall, Cleve McCoul's Retirement Open House is October 4th from 4-6 PM. President Wick will provide a plaque for Cleve to express appreciation for his years of participation in SAJB and best wishes in retirement.

WUCC Meeting is being held at the Spokane Airport Conference Room. Friday September 27, 2013 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. President Wick encouraged participation to ensure that meeting organizers continue to schedule a Spokane meeting location.

6) GUEST –

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 26th day of September, 2013, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:33 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry