

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**(1) CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:**

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Vera Water and Power, 601 N. Evergreen, Spokane, Washington on January 24, 2002. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Board of Directors Roll Call and Introductions:

President Ty Wick, Vice-President Bob Ashcraft and Secretary Kathleen Small were in attendance. Treasurer Skipworth was absent. A total of 21 attended the meeting, 12 voting SAJB member representatives, Program Leader Julia McHugh and 8 guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register. Secretary Small took the minutes of the meeting.

Consideration of the December 20, 2001 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on December 20, 2001 were approved as presented.

(2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**SAJB Administration Funds:**

President Wick, for Treasurer Skipworth, reported as follows: The SAJB Checking account balance is \$3,469.68 and the Spokane County Investment Pool (Wellhead Protection) balance is \$1,027.29.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds: Kim Beal, City of Spokane, reported the WIP checking account balance is \$39,818.42, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$285,697.83 and Implementation Savings is \$3,155.80.

Presented/Approved Administration and WIP Bills:

President Wick presented the attached Bill Payment Summary (Total of \$12,334.55) for January 2002. Those present reviewed the summary. Bob Ashcraft made the motion, and Walt McKee seconded, the bills be paid as per the presented summary as follows: Administration bills: \$114.78. Wellhead Implementation bills: \$6,599.50.53, Program Leader McHugh Fee, Mileage and Reimbursable in the amount of \$5,620.27 for 12/19/01 through 1/22/02 included. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(3) OLD BUSINESS:**Extension of Contract with Spokane County for Potential Contaminant Source Inventory**

President Wick stated the extension (to 6/30/02) of the contract is complete.

Designation of "Alternate" Board Members for Voting

President Wick handed out copies to those present (and they were forwarded to all members via email) of the language suggested by Atty. Ormsby to designate voting and voting alternate members and asked that he receive responses prior to the February meeting.

2001 Water Quality Reports

President Wick and those present discussed the format of the 2001 Water Quality Reports (also known as the Consumer Confidence Report), whether to change the cover or stay with the same as last year. Those present indicated they wanted to stay with the same as last year and President Wick said he would start calling to find out how many each entity wanted.

4) NEW BUSINESS:**Certificates of Water Availability**

President Wick reported that Spokane County is requesting a "Certificate of Water Availability" be signed by the appropriate water purveyor as part of the process for subdividing land. He stated this is a problem, as an entity would obligate a part of their system to the development up front; but if the plat is not developed the rights are tied up nonetheless. A committee is working on the above, plus life of the certificate and timing issues with Spokane County: Steve Skipworth, Ty Wick, Susan McGeorge and Harry McLean. President Wick stated he refused to sign and he suggested others look at such a request carefully.

Data Base of Customers Around Wellheads

Program Leader McHugh and President Wick explained that the Household Hazardous Waste Committee intends to mail information to homes located within 500' of wellheads outside of city limits and to homes within the City of Spokane's special capture zones. Spokane County has estimated a cost of \$2,000 to provide name/address information from their database. Discussion followed. The members present determined that each purveyor (in house) would prepare an Excel spreadsheet with name, address, city, state and zip of homes located in these areas. This information would then be used to print labels or to be given to Program Leader McHugh along with a letter (universal draft provided) on entity letterhead and entity envelopes by February 26, 2002.

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES; continued:**(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN****Committee Reports****Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC):**

Camille Martin, Department of Ecology, Toxic Reduction Specialist, presented the final report on Business Visits. Ms. Martin stated 520 businesses were identified, approx. 221 were actually the type of business they were looking for, 3 did not want DOE to come in. The list from Spokane County identified 1,500 businesses, but actually the list was not accurate/useful, they found it more beneficial to drive down the street. Some businesses asked for additional help and a more thorough inspection. The main problems were minor, unlabeled (DOE handed out labels) and open containers, storing products incorrectly or no containment. Cooperation was good. Twelve businesses need follow-up. Three were uncooperative and need improvement, technical assistance will be voluntarily provided, if that doesn't work then the regulatory group will contact them. Ms. Martin stated an internal evaluation of the work was done and it was concluded the joint project was very positive and something that should have been done before. Discussion followed. Those present applauded the joint effort and thanked Ms. Martin.

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (PCSIC): PL McHugh stated the pilot test with Irvin Water has begun.

Education and Awareness Committee (EAC):

President Wick and Program Leader McHugh reported EAC is requesting RFP's for Children's Theatre, 2002 Survey and Aqua Duck Development. Also working on truck decals, bumper stickers, next radio spots and road signs.

Household Hazardous Waste Committee (HHWC): See New Business – Data Base of Customers Around Wellheads.

Program Leader Report – Julia McHugh

- 1) Thanks to Lee Mellish, who appeared on KXLY Newsmaker show with Bud Nameck on January 8th, providing a summary of 2001 activities and a heads-up for 2002 aquifer news and information.
- 2) January 17th presentation to County Master Gardeners in training to become Stewardship Gardeners-who potentially will go on to educate hundreds in the Spokane area about gardening activities and how they tie in with the Aquifer and need for groundwater protection.
- 3) Friends of the Aquifer – Idaho Department of Water Resources rules Washington State group may present concerns at February 11th hearing on two permit applications fro power plants in North Idaho. Two plants are seeking use of 17-million gpd aquifer water (fact sheet attached).
- 4) From the Groundwater Foundation "Recharge Report", the US EPA announced the new arsenic standard, effective in 2006, would be 10 ppb. EPA's press release and a fact sheet on the new standard are available at <http://epa.gov/safewater/arsenic.html>
- 5) New 2002 District Roster distributed @ meeting and by mail to those not attending-any corrections?
- 6) Road Oiling – question asked about this on website, meeting with Spokane Co. Monday (Spk. Co. has tight parameters). Liberty Lake has ordinance also.
- 7) Cleve McCoul, Town of Millwood, has had back surgery and is recuperating (card signed).
- 8) SB6593 – Counties may by ordinance levy tax on the privilege of conducting business in the county, includes water purveyors, not to exceed 1% of gross revenue, or by vote not to exceed 3%. Cities have bill too.

OPEN FORUM

Lynn Plaggemeier stated he sees the same faces/horses at most meetings; this eats into staff time of those actively participating. He suggested the slow horses be called and encouraged to participate equally, perhaps a letter to Board members explaining the problem. Discussion followed. Those in attendance agreed a review of accomplishments in the last three and one-half years and a review of the mission statement to see if it has been met would be a start.

(6) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business this 24th day of January President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2.40 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M. Small

Guest Speaker

Jeff Selle, Spokane Chamber of Commerce, attended the meeting to discuss the Chamber's effort to encourage Washington and Idaho to work together on managing the Rathdrum Prairie – Spokane Aquifer, which is one of only two sole source aquifers in the United States. He reported the Chamber is trying to facilitate congressional funding of a study to determine the quantity of water in the Aquifer (through a computer model) and the Chamber is requesting our assistance. Discussion followed however no decisions were made.