

# **SHORT NOTICE**

## **NOTICE**

Please blame the Secretary for the SAJB Minutes being late.

A bus hit me.



Really. I am fine – my car is not.

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## **SAJB MEETING**

***Red Alert: This Thursday !!!!***

***February 22, 2001***

***At***

***1:00 PM***

Vera Water and Power  
601 N. Evergreen  
Veradale, WA

## 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, Veradale, Washington on January 25, 2001. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Mr. Rich Barlow began his presentation at 1:00 P.M. (see New Business below).

### Board of Directors Roll Call and Introductions:

President Ty Wick, Vice President Bob Ashcraft, Acting Treasurer Gail Gibson and Secretary Kathleen Small were present. Secretary Small took the minutes of the meeting. A total of 22 attended the meeting, sixteen SAJB voting member representatives, Program Leader Julia McHugh and five guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register.

**Consideration of December 20, 2000 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on December 20, 2000 were approved as presented.

(2) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Gail Gibson gave the following report: The SAJB Checking account balance is \$2,822.25, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Wellhead Protection) balance is \$4,076.39. The Wellhead Implementation Plan checking account balance is \$200.00, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$88,709.73 and Implementation Savings is 76,509.60 – these sums include 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter dues paid to date.

**Approval of Bills:** Treasurer Gibson presented bills from Preston, Gates and Ellis (Attorney fees \$287.50) and the U S Post Office (box rent \$55.00) – to be paid from the SAJB checking account. President Wick presented a bill from Program Leader McHugh for \$5,083.43 for the period December 20, 2000 to January 24, 2001, which he reviewed with those present and a bill for the legal advertisement for the media request for proposal (\$142.80) – to be paid from the Implementation Funds. Jim Lahde made the motion, and George Stegemann seconded, that these bills be paid. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

### (3) OLD BUSINESS:

**Ecology Grant Agreement and College Internship Program:** Program Leader McHugh and President Wick explained work continues on both of these items – nothing final as yet.

**Contract Renewal with Program Leader:** President Wick reported the liability insurance cost issue discussed in December has been resolved. The SAJB insurance agent, Dave Wheat, added Ms. McHugh to the SAJB policy under errors and omissions for no additional premium. President Wick reported he and Ms. McHugh negotiated her contract renewal and it was agreed to renew the contract for one year at the same rate as last year.

**Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR):** Gail Gibson asked if all of us are going to coordinate CCR's together as in the past and she discussed design of the joint CCR. Discussion followed. President Wick appointed the following members to the CCR Committee: Terry Squibb, Steve Skipworth, Ty Wick and Gail Gibson. The target date for completion is March 1<sup>st</sup>; the CCR committee will have a preliminary design ready for the next meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### (4) NEW BUSINESS:

**Panhandle Health District Speaker – Mr. Rich Barlow:** Mr. Barlow reviewed the Panhandle Health District programs on aquifer protection completed when funding was available. He explained aquifer protection funding has been drastically reduced which has limited their current program. He encouraged SAJB in their aquifer protection efforts and stated he would help if he could. Discussion followed.

### **Resolution 2001-01 – Interlocal Agreement with Spokane County Water Quality Program for Contaminant Inventory**

President Wick reviewed Resolution 2001-01 with those present and explained Program Leader McHugh negotiated a rate less than the budgeted amount. Discussion followed. President Wick pointed out there are numerous reporting requirements throughout the process and payment will be based upon completed tasks. Walt McKee made the motion, and Jim Lahde seconded, that Resolution 2001-01 be adopted. President Wick called for the vote. Ayes: 16 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0. President Wick declared adoption of Resolution 2001-01 unanimous. President Wick explained the Interlocal Agreement would now be presented to the Spokane County Commissioners for their approval and execution.

### **Resolution 2001-02 - Authorizing Execution of a Master Agreement for Professional Services with CH2M-Hill**

President Wick stated this resolution is a master contract to hire CH2M-Hill from time to time, as approved by the SAJB membership, for additional wellhead protection needs, and they will be hired on a task order basis. Walt McKee made the motion, and Bob Ashcraft seconded, that Resolution 2001-02 be adopted. President Wick called for the vote. Ayes: 16 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstain: 0. President Wick declared adoption of Resolution 2001-02 unanimous.

**SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

**(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**Committee Reports**

**Education and Awareness Committee (EAC):** President Wick reported EAC is meeting next Wednesday to review RFP's (request for proposals) received as a response to the recent publication. The EAC will whittle that down to 3 or 4 and then interview those firms; hopefully EAC will have a recommendation at the next SAJB meeting.

Gail Gibson asked for volunteers for the Sunrise Elementary Science Fair on February 6<sup>th</sup>. She stated she and Steve Skipworth would be there, but additional help would be nice as they get very busy. Doug Babin, Bob Ashcraft, Ty Wick and PL McHugh volunteered.

**Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC):** Bill Rickard reported PBAC will be meeting with the Regional Solid Waste staff and that they are starting to firm up plans and are reviewing budget needs.

**Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (CSIC):** See Resolution 2001-01 under Old Business.

**Household Hazardous Waste Committee (HHWC):** Secretary Small, standing in for Committee Chairman Lloyd Brewer, handed out to those present an HHWC program proposal. Secretary Small explained the original budget for HHWC was \$50,000 per year starting in Year 3 of 5 or a total of \$150,000. HHWC is proposing a program with a budget of \$25,000 per year for five years, for a total of \$125,000. HHWC is focusing on protection of the 500' area around wells, or in the case of the City of Spokane the special protection areas, by removing contaminants with the help of the Retired Senior Volunteers. Discussion followed. Brad Blegen made the motion, and Terry Squibb seconded, that HHWC's proposal be accepted. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

**Program Leader (PL) Julia McHugh reported as Follows:**

- 1) WCAC – Washington Citizens Advisory Committee on Mining Pollution in Spokane/C d'Alene Watershed – their next meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM, Department of Ecology, 4601 N. Monroe. PL McHugh stated she would be attending.
- 2) Spokane County Water Quality Management Program – Groundwater Program Coordinator position advertised, closes January 29<sup>th</sup>. PL McHugh explained Jim Blake, had vacated this position last summer and the County is just now getting around to hiring a replacement.
- 3) SAJB Website Development Subcommittee: PL McHugh stated one representative from each of the four subcommittees is needed to address content, links to other resources, maintenance, etc. Jim Lahde, Carl Jackson and PL McHugh volunteered.
- 4) Friends of the Aquifer: FA is holding community meetings January 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> in Post Falls to discuss their appeal to Surface Transportation Board regarding Burlington Northern's Rathdrum Fueling Depot.
- 5) US EPA standards for arsenic in water (new): 10 parts per billion. Discussion followed with Reanette Boese (in attendance) of Spokane County Water Quality Program, she handed out copies of an interoffice memo she and Stan Miller prepared on Spokane Aquifer Arsenic Levels dated January 25, 2001.
- 6) Reminder: DOE Dangerous Water Disposal Workshop – January 30<sup>th</sup> @ Shilo Inn 8 AM to 4:30 PM
- 7) Draft District Profile: PL McHugh presented the draft profile she prepared to those present. She asked that members please review and respond with changes or corrections.
- 8) THANKS to Jim Lahde, SAJB Guest Speaker to nearly 60 3<sup>rd</sup> graders @ University Elementary.
- 9) Suggestions requested for future SAJB Guest Sparkers – please call PL McHugh with ideas.

**(7) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business this 25th day of January 2001 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:05 P.M.

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President Ty Wick

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Secretary Kathleen M. Small