

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 27th, 2011

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17, 9227 E. Upriver Drive, Spokane, Washington on January 27th, 2011. President Ty Wick, Vice President Bob Ashcraft, and Treasurer Mary McIntyre were in attendance. A total of 15 attended the meeting, 12 SAJB Voting Representatives representing 12 Voting members, and 3 guests and Program Manager Erin Casci.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or comments to the Minutes of December 16th, 2010. The minutes were approved with two small corrections: in the Water Rights Committee section there should be a hyphen in Policy 20-30 and under Resolution 2010-08 it should say Tim Schudel moved to approve instead of voted to approve.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Mary McIntyre reported as follows:

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB Checking Account balance is \$4,120.95.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$5,825.98 the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$75,934.09 and Implementation Savings is \$74.40.

Presented/Approved Administration and WIP Bills

President Wick presented the attached Bill Payment Summary for December 2010 totaling \$15,609.86. Those present reviewed the summary, discussion followed. The summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$19.55, Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$15,590.31. The Program Leader Consulting Services, which were included in the above, were \$4,337.20 including mileage and reimbursements. Walt McKee made the motion to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented, Jim Ladhe seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection Designations – Doug Greenlund reported that the committee met last Monday. Dorothy Tibbetts, DOH Eastern Regional Engineer, was scheduled to speak with the committee; but she unexpectedly became ill and was unable to attend. Her participation has been rescheduled for the next meeting to be held on February 28th. The committee discussed the size of the capture areas and reviewed the meeting with the city utility managers. The storm water manager thought there was too much emphasis on storm and waste water and not enough on critical materials. Also, the “Central” storm water project was discussed. The plan is to disconnect part of the storm water system that flows untreated to the river and instead divert that water into new dry wells with minimal treatment for disposal into the aquifer. The City of Spokane, Whitworth Water District, and SCWD#3 all have capture areas affected, although it is closest to the City of Spokane's Central Well. Bill Rickard stated that this will only be done in residential areas and that all catch basins will be at least 100 feet from the well. It is also being done where there is sandy soil overlaying the aquifer (as opposed to large cobble) which is about 200 ft below the ground surface. Bryan St Clair asked if Ecology would have issues with this. Bill said that he didn't think they would because it is beneficial to the river and it is consistent with the Spokane Regional Storm water Handbook. President Wick asked if the board wanted to comment on the project. Secretary Small stated that she thought it would be a good idea to get our concerns on the record even if it doesn't change the outcome. President Wick will look into it further.

Water Rights Committee – President Wick reported no update at this time.

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Update Requirements– PM Casci sent the ArcGIS file to the first responders, DOH, and DOE. She hasn't heard anything back. PM Casci passed out copies of the file to the Water Purveyors present and will mail the rest out. Reanette Boese reported that the new Interlocal Agreement goes before the Spokane County Board of Commissioners this coming week. She doesn't anticipate any problems.

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2011 SAJB Operating Budget – President Wick presented the budget with expenses totaling \$2,900 and dues of \$125 for each of the 21 members. He reminded everyone that the PO Box is prepaid so although there is no expense showing for that in 2011 there will be additional charges in the future. Bob Ashcraft made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Walt McKee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-01 KSPS Contract – PM Casci presented KSPS' 2010 annual report and the 2011 proposed contract. It totaled \$40,000 and promised 60 "in classroom" workshops, 520 on air television spots and other benefits. Jim Ladhe made a motion to accept the contract, Todd Henry seconded and the motion passes unanimously.

5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PM Casci reported as follows:

2011 Folder Distribution Plan – There aren't enough folders to give them out to all the schools again in the 2011/12 school year. Central Valley School District didn't let us hand them out two years ago; but has specifically asked that all the 2nd graders get them next year. PM Casci suggested that since Central Valley missed out the first year, the remainder could go to them in 2011/12. The Board also suggested that if there are enough folders left, we should try to get them to the private schools as well.

Aquaduck Issues #1 printing – Artist Dave Kelley proposed redoing the cover for the Issue #1 reprint for a fee of \$500. The Board decided that it wasn't necessary at this point. PM Casci will move forward with the reprint including the original cover.

Mobius Aquifer Display – PM Casci spoke with the director of Mobius and the artist who did the existing display. The motivation for a new display is that the old one is in need of repairs and is a little outdated compared to the rest of the displays in the museum. The artist thinks it will cost about \$12,000 to build the new display. Spokane County thinks they will be able to contribute about \$5,000 if there is regional interest in a new display. The new display is planned to be vertical and will use glass beads to simulate rain, surface water, and ground water interaction. PM Casci asked the Board for permission to pursue the project and the Board determined that it was a good idea as long as there continues to be interest from Mobius and other regional partners.

2011 Billboard Campaign – PM Casci presented Emerald's Advertising's proposals. The Board decided that they didn't want any of the packages that included bus benches. The Board favored the proposal that included four billboards on display over several months. PM Casci will finalize the details with Emerald Advertising so a contract can be approved next month. PM Casci will be in touch via email with message suggestions.

6) OPEN FORUM

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 27th day of January, 2011 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M Small