

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 February 22, 2001. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Board of Directors Roll Call and Introductions:

President Ty Wick, Vice President Bob Ashcraft, Treasurer Steve Skipworth and Secretary Kathleen Small were present. Secretary Small took the minutes of the meeting. A total of 17 attended the meeting, thirteen SAJB voting member representatives, Program Leader Julia McHugh and three guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register.

Consideration of the January 25, 2001 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on January 25, 2001 were approved as presented.

(2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Treasurer Skipworth gave the following report: The SAJB Checking account balance is \$2,773.98, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Wellhead Protection) balance is \$4,098.12. The Wellhead Implementation Plan checking account balance is \$200.00, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$94,417.23 and Implementation Savings is 89,645.03 – these sums include 2nd half dues; payment has been received for all dues billed to date.

Approval of Bills: Treasurer Skipworth presented a bill from Program Leader McHugh for \$4,895.13, for the period January 25, 2001 to February 21, 2001. President Wick reviewed the bill with those present. Walt McKee made the motion, and Doug Babin seconded, that the bill from Program Leader McHugh be approved for payment. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

GUESTS: Brenda Sims, Manager of Spokane County Stormwater Program (SCSP), and Bill Galle, SCSP, presented an overview of the County stormwater program. Ms. Sims explained the major issue is funding stormwater management. Discussion followed. Those present thanked Ms. Sims and Mr. Galle for their presentation and Ms. Sims and Mr. Galle excused themselves from the meeting.

(3) OLD BUSINESS:

Ecology Grant Agreement: President Wick reported the rough draft of the grant has been finalized and he hopes that by the next SAJB meeting the final draft will be complete. He explained ½ of the grant monies will be available in advance and the balance will be reimbursed by Ecology as expenditures are made.

College Internship Program: Program Leader McHugh and President Wick explained there are some questions in relationship to the grant that are being investigated.

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR): Gail Gibson presented the preliminary design of the CCR and explained the cost will be .08 each – this is using 70# paper. Those present approved the design. She asked for the amounts each would need. Discussion followed. It was pointed out the deadline for mailing is July 1st.

(4) NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2001-03 – Creating an Incentive Program for Aquifer Protection Implementation Projects. President Wick reviewed Resolution 2001-03 with those present. Discussion followed. Bob Ashcraft made the motion, and Walt McKee seconded, that Resolution 2001-03 be adopted. President Wick called for the vote. Ayes: 13 Nays: 0 Absent: 5 Abstain: 0. President Wick declared adoption of Resolution 2001-03 unanimous

Resolution 2001-04 - Authorizing an Agreement with the YMCA and RSVP for Services Associated with the Household Hazardous Waste Committee. President Wick reviewed Resolution 2001-04 with those present. Discussion followed. Doug Babin made the motion, and Jim Lahde seconded, that Resolution 2001-04 be adopted. President Wick called for the vote. Ayes: 13 Nays: 0 Absent: 5 Abstain: 0. President Wick declared adoption of Resolution 2001-04 unanimous.

Resolution 2001-05 – Approving Honeywell Electronic Materials, Inc. as a Non-Voting SAJB Member: President Wick reviewed Resolution 2001-05 with those present. Discussion followed. Walt McKee made the motion, and Jim Lahde seconded, that Resolution 2001-05 be adopted. President Wick called for the vote. Ayes: 13 Nays: 0 Absent: 5 Abstain: 0. President Wick declared adoption of Resolution 2001-05 unanimous.

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(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Committee Reports

Education and Awareness Committee (EAC): President Wick reported that the EAC interviewed three media firms and has called the top two firms back for another interview on February 23rd. Program Leader McHugh explained one of the firms declined the second interview. Discussion followed.

Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC): Bill Rickard reported that the PBAC is starting to firm up plans and are reviewing budget needs.

Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (CSIC): President Wick reported the signed contaminant inventory maintenance agreement with Spokane County has been forwarded to Spokane County Commissioners.

Household Hazardous Waste Committee (HHWC): Committee Chairman Lloyd Brewer detailed HHWC progress to date. He stated contaminant pick-up boxes have been ordered and maps of the areas around wells are being produced by the Spokane County GIS system. Plans to coordinate with the Spokane Solid Waste Management spring clean-up effort are on track.

Program Leader (PL) Julia McHugh reported as Follows:

- 1) Water Rights Bills: SB 5100 expedites the processing of pending applications relating to existing water rights. SB 6267 allows an application for a change of an existing water right in a more timely manner. SB 5968 provides guidelines for adding products to public drinking water systems: a) substances must first be approved by USFDA - b) product must first be tested to assure that any complex combination of its elements break down into harmless components. c) no pesticides or hazardous wastes can be added to public drinking water supplies.
- 2) Internet access to state legislative business: www.leg.wa.gov
- 3) Washington Citizen's Advisory Committee (WCAC): Discussed at the 1-25-01 meeting were incorporation of by-laws, board members. The amount of the Ecology grant to be received is unknown. Remediation Investigation (RI) – documents are for review until March 12th. Feasibility Study (FS) – comment period closes March 12th, Record of Decision expected at the end of 2001 or 2002.
- 4) Friends of the Aquifer: They are still waiting for word from the Surface Transportation Board on whether STB will claim oversight of BNSF RR and construction of the refueling depot over the Spokane-Rathdrum Aquifer.
- 5) Many thanks to Steve Skipworth, Gail Gibson, Bob Ashcraft, Doug Babin and Ty Wick for answering so many questions from so many half-pints at the Vera/SAJB booth at Sunrise Elementary Science Fair February 6th.
- 6) Media Services Interview Friday February 23rd at 1:00 PM @ Vera: All are welcome to attend.
- 7) "Sculpted by Floods" is airing on Channel 7 Friday February 23rd @ 9 PM – a locally produced version of the ice age floods that formed the Spokane-Rathdrum Aquifer and the central basin channeled scablands.
- 8) Brad Blegen, City of Spokane, suggests anyone needing summer help consider using SCC students in the water class.
- 9) SAJB Web Page: The SAJB Web Page was discussed. President Wick appointed Jim Lahde, Carl Jackson, Bill Rickard and Cleve McCoul to the SAJB Web-Page Design Committee.

(7) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business this 22nd day of February 2001 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:40 P.M.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M. Small