

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 March 22, 2001. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

Guest Speaker

Stan Miller, Manager of the Spokane County Water Quality Management Program, reported on the water quality of the Spokane Aquifer, which he said was very good or better. He stated there are some minor problems associated with nitrate levels that are raised mainly by loading off of hillsides with urban development; bottom line no big problems. Mr. Miller gave a history of aquifer monitoring wells and stated that where there are sewers nitrate levels drop.

Mr. Miller explained the Inorganic Contaminant and Volatile Organic testing his department is doing for area water purveyors (3) who are also SAJB members. Mr. Miller explained he and the water purveyor sign an agreement that his department will perform the IOC and VOC testing; this allows compilation of the IOC and VOC testing data for the monitoring wells and area water purveyor wells to give a better overall picture of aquifer health. President Wick (Spokane County Water District No. 3) and Secretary Small (Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17) stated they have signed agreements with Spokane County and have been pleased with the service and data. Mr. Miller stated they are considering doing Synthetic Organic Chemicals also, they are studying that issue now. Discussion on related subjects between Mr. Miller and those in attendance continued.

2:15 PM 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 21 attended the meeting, fifteen SAJB member representatives (14 voting), Program Leader Julia McHugh and five guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register. Those present gave self-introductions.

Consideration of the February 22, 2001 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on February 22, 2001 were approved as presented.

(2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Skipworth gave the following report: The SAJB Checking account balance is \$2,774.84, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Wellhead Protection) balance is \$4,117.38. The Wellhead Implementation Plan checking account balance is \$200.00, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$180,186.39 and Implementation Savings is 15,186.39.

Approval of Bills:

Treasurer Skipworth presented a bill from Program Leader McHugh for \$4,809.34, for the period February 22, 2001 to March 21, 2001. President Wick reviewed the bill with those present. Walt McKee made the motion, and Carl Jackson seconded, that the bill from Program Leader McHugh be approved for payment. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Skipworth presented a bill from Preston, Gates and Ellis for attorney fees to research "gift of public funds" in the amount of \$217.50. Jim Lahde made the motion, and Walt McKee seconded, that the bill from Preston, Gates and Ellis be approved for payment. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Skipworth explained Hal Allert dba Banjo, Etc. will be transferring the Wellhead Plan to CD-Rom at the cost of \$820.00. He has requested a payment schedule of \$275.00 prepaid, \$275.00 following initial scanning, and \$270.0 upon completion. Irene Anderson made the motion, and Brad Blegen seconded, that the bill from Banjo, Etc. be paid as requested and be approved for payment. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Those present approved SAJB becoming a member of the Ground Water Foundation; dues \$75.00 per year.

(3) OLD BUSINESS:

President Wick explained there was some confusion about the amount of Implementation Plan payment due based upon the number of services; one SAJB member owes and others have refunds. President Wick explained it is the number of services reported on the previous years Washington State Department of Health Water Facilities Inventory Report – for example the payment in 2001 is based on the 2000 WFI.

College Internship Program: President Wick explained plans are not finalized as yet.

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(4) OLD BUSINESS; continued:

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR): Gail Gibson reported the CCR report is designed and at the printer and they are working on production next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2001-06 Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the WA State Department of Ecology

Walt McKee made the motion, and Bob Ashcraft seconded, that SAJB adopt Resolution 2001-06. President Wick called for the vote by show of hands. Aye: 14 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4. The motion carried unanimously. President Wick stated the DOE grant will pay \$125,000 right away and \$125,000 will be reimbursed as spent.

Resolution 2001-07 Authorizing the Execution of a Services Contract with the Media Firm KDK-1 Digital Media

President Wick explained 25% of the agreed payment amount for the media contract (\$32,500) would be prepaid. Carl Jackson made the motion, and Jim Lahde seconded, that SAJB adopt Resolution 2001-07. President Wick called for the vote by show of hands. Aye: 14 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4. The motion carried unanimously.

Walt McKee explained President Wick is storing SAJB documents in his office (in boxes). Mr. McKee made the motion that SAJB authorize President Wick to purchase a file cabinet, the amount to be \$200.00 (or less) plus tax. Brad Blegen seconded. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

(4) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Committee Reports

Education and Awareness Committee (EAC): President Wick reported that now that the media contract is almost complete EAC will be working with KDK-1 on production and purchase of air time.

EAC Website Subcommittee: Carl Jackson reported he searched on the internet for “water contaminant inventory” and there were lots of hits including the EPA contaminant source index, kids pages, links to DOH and EPA. He stated a questionnaire has gone out to all SAJB members on what they want in the SAJB website. Discussion followed.

Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC): Bill Rickard reported that the PBAC has been waiting for the media consultant to be on board. (see Resolution 2001-07).

Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (CSIC): President Wick reported Spokane County is working on the contaminant source inventory.

Household Hazardous Waste Committee (HHWC): Committee Chairman Lloyd Brewer detailed HHWC progress to date with the contaminant pick-up boxes to homes around wells and a public radio announcement on household hazardous waste.

Program Leader (PL) Julia McHugh reported as Follows:

- 1) Ice Age Floods/Mirabeau Point Interpretarium meeting held March 21st. Leon Sproule and PL McHugh attended and reported to those present on the plans for the interpretive center. Discussion followed on if SAJB may be interested in participating.
- 2) Response to State Fluoride legislation due in Olympia before April 22nd. PL McHugh explained that SB5968 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.
- 3) State Health, Regional Health & Dept. of Ecology – March Health Advisory for consumption of Spokane River fish.
- 4) Friends of the Aquifer: a letter from Senator Patty Murray has been sent to the Surface Transportation Board.
- 5) Basic Water 101: PL McHugh stated she would be attending this AWWA-PNS-IESS sponsored class on April 25th.

Stan Miller and those present discussed products hauled on roads over the Spokane Aquifer and how purveyors are notified of spills.

(7) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business this 22nd day of March 2001 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M. Small