

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 29th, 2010

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 April 29th, 2010. President Ty Wick, Vice President Bob Ashcraft, and Secretary Kathy Small were in attendance. A total of 16 attended the meeting, 10 SAJB Voting Representatives representing 9 Voting members, 5 guests and Program Manager Erin Casci.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or comments to the Minutes of April 1st, 2010. The minutes were approved as presented.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Angela Cline reported for Mary McIntyre as follows:

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB Checking Account balance is \$5,995.55.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$87,079.23 the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$106,960.28 and Implementation Savings is \$74.34.

Presented/Approved Administration and WIP Bills

President Wick presented the attached Bill Payment Summary for April 2010 – Total \$22,320.54. Those present reviewed the summary, discussion followed. The summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$22,320.54. The Program Leader Consulting Services, which were included in the above months, were \$5,008.54, including mileage and reimbursements. Bill Rickard made the motion to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented, Jim Lahde seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously. President Wick announced that all administrative dues have been paid and reminded members to please pay assessments promptly.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection Designations – Doug Greenlund reported that the group has met twice since the last SAJB meeting. Each agency gave a presentation on the current aquifer protection regulations. At the second meeting the City of Spokane Valley presented. They had two issues, the size of the protection areas and the political climate. Lloyd Brewer and Doug met with the Storm and Waste Water divisions to discuss language for the utility part of the proposal. President Wick reported that Liberty Lake had the most protective regulations. Certain activities are not allowed within 1000 ft of a well without a permit and public hearing process. The City of Spokane Valley wanted to leave it up to the SEPA process, but SAJB would prefer conditional use permits so that it is more public. Bill Rickard stated that the SEPA notifications are in the paper so that's some public notice. Doug Greenlund stated that SEPA may notify but it isn't a tool for stopping anything and it all comes down to one person who approves or disproves the SEPA. At this point no one is sure where it will go because the large entities don't want to do a Conditional Use Permit.

Water Rights Committee – No meetings, still waiting to hear from Evan Sheffels.

President Wick reported that Ecology is moving forward on adjudication. They have selected a judge and are working with Spokane County's GIS to create an electronic filing process similar to Idaho's.

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Updates – PM Casci is still waiting to receive updates from about half the members. Please turn in the updates so that we can proceed as soon as possible.

Idaho CAMP Advisory Process - The next meeting will be on May 7th at the Coeur d'Alene library. The topic on the agenda is "Future legal issues with Washington". One of Idaho's Attorney Generals will be there to make a

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presentation and participate in a discussion session. (There is a link in your email that goes to an explanatory document about the CAMP.)

City of Spokane Valley Shorelines – President Wick determined that Scott Kuhta is the contact for the Shorelines plan. Scott said they have to address potential future impacts. They aren't doing any sort of regulation requiring access to the shorelines.

4) NEW BUSINESS

In-Stream Flows – President Wick reported that Ecology is hosting a presentation by the Washington State Department of fish and Wildlife on Tuesday May 25th about why there are changes to their proposed flow requirements. Doug Greenlund reported that there is a push to limit all new withdrawals to 150 cfs regardless of the river level. President Wick said that he would also like to see updates on the Hillyard Trough Modeling.

WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PM Casci reported as follows:

EnviroStars Program – The steering committee met with the Washington state lead of the EnviroStars program. She reminded us that this is a long process. Andy Dunau and Mike LaScoula laid out a plan for future funding through grants.

Spring/Summer Events – The SAJB booth has been on display at several events including City of Spokane's Earth Day Celebration on Main Street, City of Spokane Valley's Earth Day Celebration at Mission Park, and St. Aloysius's Creation Care Fair. Future events include the Jr. Lilac Parade, the Idaho's Forest Owner's Conference, Coeur d'Alene's Parks Celebration, and Kid's Day at Riverfront Park.

5) OPEN FORUM

Scott Inch asked is anything has happened with the Weather Demand Forecast Model by Spokane County. President Wick reported that the County's Consultants are getting numbers together to determine what is and isn't important. They are only looking at demand, which doesn't answer the original questions about how supply is going to meet the anticipated demand. There are issues with projected agricultural growth categorization of livestock. Livestock may be important because it can be used to predict exempt wells. Issues with exempt wells include knowing how many there are, how much water they use, and if that will be constant in the future. The next meeting will be on May 19th.

6) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 29th day of April, 2010 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M Small