

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 26th, 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 May 26th, 2011. President Ty Wick was in attendance. A total of 15 attended the meeting, 9 SAJB Voting Representatives representing 9 Voting members, 1 non-voting member 4 guests and Program Manager Erin Casci.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or comments to the Minutes of March 24th, 2011. Bryan St. Clair made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim Ladhe seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ty Wick reported as follows:

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB Checking Account balance is \$6,621.08.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$64,554.09 the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$76,263.22 and Implementation Savings is \$74.41.

Presented/Approved Administration and WIP Bills

President Wick presented the attached Bill Payment Summary for March and April 2011 totaling \$12,734.36 and \$13,743 respectively. Those present reviewed the summary, discussion followed. The summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$12,734.36 and \$13,734.00. The Program Leader Consulting Services, which were included in the above, were \$2,134.36 and \$4,044.13 including mileage and reimbursements. Terry Squibb 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 – Lloyd Brewer presented a map of the Wellhead Protection Area with non-SAJB members. Lloyd has been in discussion with local waste water and storm water utilities to get their input. Comments include the size of the areas and whether they could be reduced by relying on interties. The City of Spokane and the County noted that this will have a lot of expenses and wanted to know if the water department would be willing to share the cost. The “Central Area” storm water issue got a lot of attention for the project. After review, the City agreed to not disconnect dry wells in the WHPA in non-residential areas. Other comments brought up whether or not the model was valid. Lloyd found a potential source of funding with a Department of Health grant to update and validate the model. Lloyd presented a draft scope of work and asked for SAJB support to show that it will benefit more than just the City of Spokane. Jim Lahde moved to direct Lloyd to pursue the DOH Grant for wellhead protection areas. Terry Squibb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Lloyd asked everyone to remember to check the minutes so that everyone can comment on the process. The next meeting will be on June 20th at 1:30 and storm water utility representatives will be there.

River Forum Conference – Doug Greenlund reported that most of the information was for storm and waste water; but that there was talk about multi-jurisdictional efforts about PCBs in the river. Also, Idaho representatives stated that there would be no restriction on water rights in Idaho because there isn't an Idaho specific problem but they will try to be “good neighbors”. Bill Rickard reported that there was a presentation about pumping water out of Lake Pend Oreille and putting it into the aquifer to augment summer flows. Reports show that there will be no impairment to the lake but it will be very expensive.

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4) NEW BUSINESS

Summer Meeting Schedule – This is the last meeting until September. PM Casci announced that this will be her last meeting and that she will be resigning July 22nd to move out of the state.

5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PM Casci reported as follows:

2011 Billboard Display Messages – PM Casci presented the final billboard art.

EnviroStars Conference Technical Assistance Workshop – A work group assembled to discuss the best way to create a 3, 4, and 5 star rating at minimal cost. There will be several more workshops to get everything worked out.

Partnership for Water Conservation - PM Casci attended a presentation of the PWC. They wanted to gauge interest in making this a statewide organization. It would cost the SAJB \$20,000 annually and focuses solely on water conservation. The board discussed and decided to pass at this time.

Mobius Aquifer Display – The plans for the new aquifer display were presented. Terry Squibb made a motion to designate \$2,500 towards the project pending Mobius finding additional sources of funding and being ready to spend the money within one year. Jim Ladhe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6) OPEN FORUM

Terry Squibb reported that he has been getting a lot of calls from customers about water line insurance. Several other purveyors in the area also have been getting questions the company has been sending out letters in the area.

7) GUEST SPEAKER

Zip 2 Water gave a presentation and presented a model of their portable water supply systems for public events. The systems hook up to tap water and can be rented or purchased. They are meant to be an inexpensive and environmentally friendly alternative to bottled water.

8) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 26th day of May, 2011 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry