

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD

AGENDA

July 27, 2002 1:30 PM

Vera Water & Power 601 North Evergreen Road

1. CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions
Consideration of May 23, 2002 Meeting Minutes

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Skipworth, Treasurer – Kim Beal, Accountant

Approve Bills

3. OLD BUSINESS

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Verification
Aquifer quantity study by Spokane/Coeur d' Alene Chambers
SAJB Committee Participation by SAJB members
Aqua Duck Contract
Robinson Research Survey

4. NEW BUSINESS

Ecology Intern Contract

5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Committee Reports

ProActive Business – Ecology internship program will focus on automotive and auto body shops; they will also complete IGC (Increased Generator Contact) visits to Dry Cleaners and Dentists; estimate 40 businesses visited per month in Spokane County through the end of August

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory – one last District to complete data scrubbing; letter and disposal guide to be mailed by first week of July

Household Contaminant Disposal –waiting on data from Regional Solid Waste to determine if increase in contaminants turned in as a result of HCD event.

Education & Awareness – public survey nearly underway to gauge awareness and change in behavior re: contaminant disposal; Aqua Duck contractor too busy to proceed; investigating substitutes referred by contractor

Emergency Planning – development of a rough draft 'Water Quality Emergency Coordination Plan' with the purpose of ensuring a continued level of quality service during a contamination or emergency event with cooperating entities –(attached)

Program Leader Report – Julia McHugh

- a) DoT road signs ordered; delivery expected June 26th. Request sent to Idaho Department of Transportation to post same or similar sign on Westbound I-90 at the stateline.
- b) Watershed Resource Inventory Analysis WRIA – additional review of decision making process; proceeding with contract for Step A of Little Spokane River Instream flow work
- c) Wastewater Treatment Plant Site Selection – June 13th meeting to review 2-3 short-listed sites; Stockyards, Playfair Race Track, Spokane Industrial Park
- d) Ecology public workshop, Wednesday June 26th, 9 to 3:30 p.m., Spokane Falls Community College on developing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) on water quality model developed for dissolved oxygen in the Spokane River and Long Lake. Website for details: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/tmdl/watershed/spokaneriver/index.html
- e) Ecology proposed rule for Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)– public comment period and hearings on draft rule held during August 2002. Storing or 'banking' water underground for use in drier seasons. This rule will establish standards for review of ASR projects.
Website for details: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/asr/asr-home.htm
- f) Washington Citizens Advisory Committee – incorporated as a non-profit, with board membership and officers; has received 2-year grant funding (\$50,000), have hired a facilitator, purpose is "to facilitate public participation and education"...regarding metals in the Spokane River resulting from upstream mining activities
- g) Spokane Aquifer Joint Board, Wellhead Protection Program selected to be part of \$200,000 AWWA Research Foundation study, conducted by Williams Environmental in Madison, WI, to measure/demonstrate benefits of wellhead programs.
- h) State of Idaho denies both power plant applications to draw a total of 17 million gallons per day from the Aquifer.

6. ADJOURN

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, Spokane, Washington on May 23, 2002. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Board of Directors Roll Call and Introductions:

President Ty Wick, Vice-President Bob Ashcraft, Treasurer Steve Skipworth and Secretary Kathleen Small were in attendance. A total of 13 attended the meeting, 10 SAJB member representatives voting for 11 SAJB members, Program Leader (PL) Julia McHugh and 1 guest, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register. Secretary Small took the minutes of the meeting. President Wick asked those in attendance to introduce themselves – self-introductions followed.

Consideration of the April 25, 2002 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on April 25, 2002 were approved as corrected.

(2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**SAJB Administration Funds:**

Treasurer Skipworth reported as follows: The SAJB Checking account balance is \$3,275.12 and the Spokane County Investment Pool (Wellhead Protection) balance is \$1,041.26. Treasurer Skipworth said he would be sending out the billing soon for SAJB yearly dues of \$150.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds: Kim Beal, City of Spokane reported the WIP checking account balance is \$35,122.81, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$254,790.55 and Implementation Savings is \$1,063.41 for a current assets total of \$290,976.77.

President Wick reported he has received a check for \$100 for a copy of the Wellhead Protection Plan CD.

President Wick stated WIP Funds appear to be sufficient at this time, he suggested deferring billing for the first half of the WIP 2002 assessment. Discussion followed. Walt McKee made the motion, and Bob Ashcraft seconded, that the 1st half of the WIP 2002 SAJB member assessment be deferred at this time. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Presented/Approved Administration and WIP Bills:

President Wick presented the attached Bill Payment Summary (Total of \$ 6,738.94) for May 2002. Those present reviewed the summary. Bob Ashcraft made the motion, and Walt McKee seconded, that the bills be paid in accordance with the presented summary as follows: Wellhead Implementation bills: \$6,738.94, which includes the Program Leader Fee, plus Mileage and Reimbursable in the amount of \$5,456.94 for 4/29/02 through 5/21/02. Administration Bills: 0. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(3) OLD BUSINESS:**Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Verification**

PL McHugh reported eighteen have returned the “scrubbed” contaminant sites for their entity and she is waiting for the remaining four. She noted that about 70% of the Spokane County identified sites have been eliminated.

Aquifer Quantity Study by Spokane/Coeur d’Alene Chambers

President Wick reported he attended an additional meeting about “where to go from here”, they are making progress. There will be another meeting as per the PL Report below and President Wick, Vice-President Ashcraft and PL McHugh will be attending. PL McHugh stated if anyone would like additional information please contact her.

SAJB Committee Participation by SAJB Members

President Wick reported he has not had time to get letters out to members not meeting participation expectations, but will as soon as his schedule allows.

4) NEW BUSINESS:**WGEP Insurance Increase**

President Wick reported the cost for insurance from WGEP has gone up. Those present discussed a proposal from Cities Insurance, which would provide additional value for the same cost (\$2,200). George Stegemann made the motion, and Carl Jackson seconded that SAJB accepts the proposal from Cities Insurance. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES; continued:

4) NEW BUSINESS - continued:

Aqua Duck Contract and Resolution 2002-02

Those present reviewed and discussed Resolution 2002-02 and the Aqua Duck Contract. President Wick requested the second reading be waived. Bob Ashcraft made the motion, and Walt McKee seconded, that the second reading of Resolution 2002-02 be waived and Resolution 2002-02 be adopted and the Aqua Duck Contract be executed. President Wick called for the vote, 11 votes for, none abstained and 7 were absent. President Wick declared the motion carried.

PL McHugh stated the background check on Aqua Duck is being done.

Robinson Research/Survey Resolution 2002-03

Those present reviewed and discussed Resolution 2002-03. President Wick requested the second reading be waived. Walt McKee made the motion, and George Stegemann seconded, that the second reading of Resolution 2002-03 be waived and Resolution 2002-03 be adopted. President Wick called for the vote, 11 votes for, none abstained and 7 were absent. President Wick declared the motion carried.

**(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
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ProActive Business - looking for additional intern(s) to fund.

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory – four Districts to complete data scrubbing; reiterate once master list is compiled, all data and maps will be available to all Districts.

Household Contaminant Disposal – twelve calls to pick-up hotline; waiting on data from Regional Solid Waste to determine if increase in contaminants turned in as a result of HCD event.

Education & Awareness – reordered bumper stickers and refrigerator magnets; meeting at Robinson Research May 31 prior to launch of Survey.

Program Leader Report – Julia McHugh

- i) DOT road signs – taking bids for signs per DOT specifications; expect to order signs by end of month.
- j) Watershed Resource Inventory Analysis WRIA – decided against proceeding with Little Spokane River Instream flow work at this time.
- k) HR 4609 (Nethercutt), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington. On Thursday, June 20, 2002 starting at 8:30, there will be Spokane Valley/Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Study Stakeholders meeting. *The location to be announced.* There will be presentations on the current state of the aquifer, an overview of previous and ongoing studies, and other informational talks. Decision to be made for an oversight committee structure and compilation of items to be covered by this comprehensive study.
- l) Emergency Response Planning – develop basic press release and other useful information for ‘boil water’ or any other event involving water systems

(6) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business this 23rd day of May President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2.28 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M. Small