

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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 July 27, 2000. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 sixteen attended the meeting, thirteen SAJB voting member representatives, Program Leader Julia McHugh and two guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register.

Consideration of June 22, 2000 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on June 22, 2000 were approved as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Treasurer Skipworth gave the following report:

The SAJB Checking account balance is \$4,137.79. The Local Government Investment Pool balance is \$4,627.72, which includes the last grant money payment by DOE of \$3,750.25; the DOE Wellhead Protection Program grant is complete. To date 12 of 21 SAJB members have paid the first half billing for the Wellhead Implementation Plan Program. \$108,814.40 was deposited, with expenses to date of \$1,977.37, for a total on hand of \$106,837.30.

Approval of Bills: Treasurer Skipworth presented a bill from Program Leader McHugh for \$6,151.40, which he reviewed with those present. Walt McKee made the motion, and Doug Babin seconded, that the bill for \$6,151.40 from Program Leader McHugh be paid. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spokane County Water Conservancy Board Applications: President Wick stated the application deadline for Conservancy Board Members has been extended again in the hopes of attracting additional applications. Those who wish to apply should contact Bruce Rawls, Spokane County Public Works. Three applications have been received; Sharon O=Shaunessy , Ed Weilip (former board member with East Spokane) and a homeowner who is opposing a particular development in her area.

Status of DOE Grant Application: Lars Hendren reported the SAJB application is on the draft offer list. The grant would cover the first two years, or four elements, of the Wellhead Implementation Plan. Mr. Hendren pointed out SAJB WPIP would front costs which would then be turned in for reimbursement. The application was for \$330,000, of which \$250,000 would be available from the grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Rights B DOE B George Slender: Sharon O=Shaunessy, CH2M-Hill, is working with several local water purveyors regarding water rights. These purveyors have recently received letters from DOE calling into question their inchoate water rights. President Wick suggested SAJB consider a committee to address water rights issues (How much local use? How is use defined? Is DOE information accurate?). Discussion followed. George Slender will be attending the next SAJB meeting and those in attendance decided to wait until that meeting to decide if a water rights study committee will be formed.

WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Committee Reports

Education and Awareness Committee (EAC): Ty Wick explained the EAC has been following up on previously mentioned issues. An interactive model of the aquifer has been looked into with North by Northwest Productions.

Three web sites have been forwarded to Program Leader McHugh to look at. An EAC meeting will be held at Spokane Co. Water District No. 3 on August 17, 2000 to look at a communications plan.

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Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC): Assistant Chairman Dave Johnson reported on a web site for small businesses, which he is investigating. Also, a collaborative effort with fire departments is being pursued.

Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (CSIC): Lars Hendren reported CSIC ideas have been forwarded to Program Leader McHugh.

Household Hazardous Waster Committee (HHWC): Chairman Lloyd Brewer explained HHWC is working on a focus of a 500= area around wells, with a canvass of that area by trained volunteers. Mr. Brewer introduced Jesse Lang, Recycling Coordinator for Regional Solid Waste System. Ms. Lang explained her program and talked about educational efforts with students.

Program Leader Report:

Ms. McHugh reported she has visited most SAJB members individually, 5 remain and she will be visiting them soon. Ms. McHugh reviewed agenda items (12) with those present. It was agreed a rough draft of SAJB minutes would be forwarded to Ms. McHugh by the Friday before the Thursday SAJB meeting and she would include her information and mail, email or fax to members on the following Monday. Ms. McHugh presented a Status Report on the Contaminant Source Inventory. Discussion followed. Ian VanEssen, Spokane County GIS Manager will attend the next SAJB meeting to demonstrate Public Works Inquiry (PWINQ) software.

Next Regular Meeting of SAJB

August 24, 2000

Vera Water and Power
601 N. Evergreen
Veradale, WA

Geographic Information System (GIS) Demonstration 1:00 PM

Ian VonEssen, Spokane County GIS Manager, will demonstrate Public Works Inquiry (PWINQ) Software.

In conjunction with updates to the SAJB contaminant source inventory PWINQ could be customized for desktop information access and mapping by Water Districts.

The cost of PWINQ, purchased by a group, is financially feasible (under \$1,000).

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(6) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business this 27th day of July 2000 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 4:10 P.M.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M. Small