

## **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 August 24, 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 22 attended the meeting, fifteen SAJB voting member representatives, Program Leader Julia McHugh and six guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register.

It was noted that prior to the meeting, at 1:00 PM, Ian VonEssen, Manager of the Spokane County Geographic Information System (GIS), demonstrated Public Works Inquiry Software (PWINQ) to members and guests.

### **Consideration of July 27, 2000 Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on July 27, 2000 were approved as presented.

### **(2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Treasurer Skipworth gave the following report:

The SAJB Checking account balance is \$4,139.11 and the Local Government Investment Pool balance is \$4,642.91. To date 19 of 21 SAJB members have paid the first half billing for the Wellhead Implementation Plan Program and the balance of the WIPP Fund is \$109,765.60.

**Approval of Bills:** Treasurer Skipworth presented three bills: Vera Water and Power (mailing) for \$6.60, Insurance in the amount of \$2,200.00 and Ty Wick for Wellhead Plan mailing costs of \$10.52. Walt McKee made the motion, and Terry Squibb seconded, that these bills be paid. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Skipworth presented a bill from Program Leader McHugh for \$4,584.92 for the period July 27, 2000 to August 23, 2000, which he reviewed with those present. Bob Ashcraft made the motion, and Gary Lowe seconded, that the bill for \$4,584.92 from Program Leader McHugh be paid. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

President Wick presented Resolution 2000-2; authorizing the creation of a separate fund with the Spokane County Treasurer for the Wellhead Implementation Plan Program (WIPP) monies, WIPP monies would be invested in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). Discussion followed. Walt McKee made a motion to adopt Resolution 2000-2; Irene Anderson seconded it. Present Wick called for a show of hands: For: 15 Against: None Absent: 3. The motion carried, Resolution 2000-2 was adopted.

### **(3) 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. In the first cycle no applications were received, in the second cycle three applications were received, two qualified and one with a conflict of interest. A holder of a water right is needed for the Board and all SAJB members are encouraged to speak with their Board members to generate interest. Those who wish to apply should contact Bruce Rawls, Spokane County Public Works.

### **(4) NEW BUSINESS:**

**Water Rights – DOE – George Schlender:** Mr. Schlender explained that Spokane County has the opportunity to have a Conservancy Board and he encouraged applicants to come forward. He explained the Board could not address applications for new water rights, but could address certain issues with existing water rights. Discussion followed.

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### **(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Education and Awareness Committee (EAC):** Ty Wick explained the EAC has met and is focusing on completion of a communication plan; Program Leader McHugh has prepared a matrix to help the effort. The matrix will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

**Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC):** Chairman Bill Rickard reported PBAC has not met due to scheduling conflicts.

**Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (CSIC):** Lars Hendren reported CSIC recently had a full committee meeting and is focusing on screening the inventory. Their goal is a cost effective way to track contaminants; they are exploring coordination with fire districts. The presentation by Ian VonEssen showed the capabilities that Spokane County may be able to provide to make it easier to access the data base by SAJB members and others.

**Household Hazardous Waster Committee (HHWC):** Secretary Small explained HHWC is continuing work based upon their focus on the 500' around wells.

President Wick reported the Watershed Group has been meeting on purveyor pumping data. He encouraged all members to make a list of any private wells that are within each district. Schools, cemeteries, industries, etc. may have wells that will need to be included in the data base of pumping capacity for both instantaneous and annual flows.

#### **Program Leader Report:**

1. Water Districts Visited: Ms. McHugh reported she has visited all SAJB members on site.
2. Washington Water Weeks: Ms. McHugh had Posters and brochures available for Districts to display.
3. SAJB Speaker's Bureau Formation: Ms. McHugh explained the need for speakers from SAJB and asked for volunteers. Discussion followed.
4. SRC4 Web Site: Ms. McHugh explained progress on this project. Discussion followed on a SAJB link.
5. Spokane County's New Storm Water Video: Ms. McHugh reported on production and costs.
6. Aquifer Atlas: Ms. McHugh reported on the in-depth document prepared by Idaho DEQ and Spokane County WQMP, which will be included on or be the basis of a web site and CD. Ms. McHugh stated that she has copies available.
7. Friends of the Aquifer: Ms. McHugh reported that support for the preparation of an appeal of the BNSF facility to the Surface Transportation Board is dissipating.
8. November Ballot Issue: Ms. McHugh reported on fluoridation of water efforts.
9. Non-SAJB Water Purveyors: Ms. McHugh asked if Wellhead Protection Information is available to non-SAJB Water Purveyors. Discussion followed. Those in attendance felt those requesting information should become a member of SAJB, voting or non-voting.

**Next Regular Meeting of SAJB**

**September 28, 2000**

**2:00 PM**

Vera Water and Power  
601 N. Evergreen  
Veradale, WA

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### **(6) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business this 24th day of August 2000 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:40 P.M.

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President Ty Wick

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Secretary Kathleen M. Small