

# **NOTICE**

## **NEXT SAJB MEETING**

***November 16, 2000***

**2:00 PM**

Vera Water and Power  
601 N. Evergreen  
Veradale, WA

## 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 October 26, 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 and Secretary Kathleen Small were present. Secretary Small took the minutes of the meeting. Treasurer Steve Skipworth was absent and Gail Gibson was Acting Treasurer. A total of 12 attended the meeting, nine SAJB voting member representatives (Walt McKee representing two members), Program Leader Julia McHugh and two guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register.

#### **Consideration of September 28, 2000 Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on September 28, 2000 were approved as presented.

### (2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Acting Treasurer Gibson gave the following report:

The SAJB Checking account balance is \$1,906.08 and the Local Government Investment Pool balance is \$4,689.71. To date all SAJB members have paid the first half billing for the Wellhead Implementation Plan Program and the balance of the WIPP Fund is approximately \$100,000. President Wick reported the fund for Wellhead Implementation monies has been created with the Spokane County Treasurer, \$88,000 was transferred to that fund and approximately \$12,000 remains in the checking account.

**Approval of Bills:** President Wick presented a bill from Program Leader McHugh for \$4,071.22 for the period September 28, 2000 to October 25, 2000, which he reviewed with those present. Walt McKee made the motion, and Bob Ashcraft seconded, that the bill for \$4,071.22 from Program Leader McHugh be paid. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

### (3) OLD BUSINESS:

#### **Spokane County Water Conservancy Board (WCB)**

President Wick reported Doug Rider has been appointed WCB Chairman, due to the length of time it took to form WCB the Board members missed the current training opportunity and will have to wait for another cycle. Also, there is a controversy state wide on conservancy boards as a board was sued and the judge decided the conservancy board could not change point of use; there may be some fixes in the legislature.

#### **Ecology Grant Agreement**

President Wick reported he received a call from Nancy Weller, DOE, and she will do the first cut on the grant agreement and then review it with him. President Wick stated all committees must define their tasks and monies needed quickly for the agreement, by the next SAJB meeting. Those present decided to reschedule the next SAJB meeting, as it fell on Thanksgiving, to November 16, 2000.

#### **College Internship Program**

Program Leader McHugh and President Wick explained they would write a description of the job for the intern (2/3 of cost is reimbursed). Leader McHugh explained the intern can work 19 hours per week when in school and 40 when out, the funding cycle is July 1 to June 30 and typically there are more jobs than candidates; she stated there is a lot of detail to work out.

### (4) NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Blegan, City of Spokane, reported the Washington Utilities Council wants to come up with a conservation committee and he will sit in to represent the east side, the first meeting is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed on the increasing block rate recently implemented by Whitworth. Doug Babin stated the higher rate has reduced usage, he had 300 new customers this year and usage remained the same.

**SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

**(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
Committee Reports**

**Education and Awareness Committee (EAC):** President Wick reported EAC is looking at messages they want to get out; consequences of improper disposal, proper disposal and protection of water quality and which medium to use; television, radio, a video. Leon Sprangle's (have I spelled the last name right?) wife had drawn "Aqua Duck"; those in attendance liked it and by consensus adopted "Aqua Duck" as a mascot.

President Wick stated he had lunch with Bruce Rawls and Stan Miller, Spokane County Utilities. Jim Blake did schools visits on aquifer protection; he visited about 30 schools a year, and he has retired; so this program has not continued. President Wick explained about the National Children's Theater, a professional troupe that performs whatever message you want present. Avista has used them with excellent results. The estimated cost is \$50,000 for 108 schools, this is promoted as a news event. Those in attendance were very interested; President Wick stated he would pursue this and have concrete budget numbers at the next meeting.

**Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC):** Work is ongoing.

**Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (CSIC):** Work is ongoing. Leader McHugh stated she prepared the contaminant source inventory agreement and forwarded it to Stan Miller. Those in attendance discussed how the county would implement the contaminant inventory. President Wick and Leader McHugh stated they would get together with the CSIC to discuss this.

**Household Hazardous Waste Committee (HHWC):** Bill Rickard explained he sat in for Lloyd Brewer on this committee and he reported the HHWC focus is on the 500 feet around wells and they are working on a household contaminant waste removal program from homes within that area. The HHWC will meet October 31, 2000 at 2 PM at Pasadena Park Irrigation.

**President Wick stated Committee's must have their tasks and monies identified by the next SAJB meeting on November 16, 2000 for the grant agreement.**

**Program Leader Julia McHugh reported as Follows:**

1. Aquifer Tour 9/30/00: Approximately 60 attendees at Upriver Dam and 36 at Sullivan Park, primarily EWU and SCC students garnering extra credit, and a home school group. Organizers (WQMP & EWU) considering a switch to a spring event to increase attendance.
2. Washington Citizen's Advisory Committee (WCAC) on mining pollution in Spokane/C'd Alene watershed in process of incorporating as non-profit, with nine-member board. Citizen consensus process is seeking Washington citizen input by November 10<sup>th</sup>, copies of questions and return address available at SAJB meeting or call Leader McHugh.
3. County Comprehensive Plan, Critical Aquifer Recharge Area goals plus policies approved by the Planning Commission on October 5<sup>th</sup>, it now goes to the County Commissioners for hearing on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
4. County GIS demonstration scheduled for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM at Modern Electric Water Co. You are encouraged to bring your engineer and/or staff and see how existing data and desktop computer mapping can assist your operation.
5. There is a public debate on fluoridation at Gonzaga University on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM

**(7) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business this 26th day of October 2000 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:20 P.M.

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President Ty Wick

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Secretary Kathleen M. Small