

SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 16th, 2010

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 December 16th, 2010. President Ty Wick, Vice President Bob Ashcraft, and Treasurer Mary McIntyre were in attendance. A total of 18 attended the meeting, 12 SAJB Voting Representatives representing 12 Voting members, 1 Non-Voting member and 5 guests and Program Manager Erin Casci.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or comments to the Minutes of November 18th, 2010. The minutes were approved as presented.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasure Mary McIntyre reported as follows:

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB Checking Account balance is \$4,120.92.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$23,769.34 the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$75,837.17 and Implementation Savings is \$74.39.

Presented/Approved Administration and WIP Bills

President Wick presented the attached Bill Payment Summary for December 2010 totaling \$26,506.40. Those present reviewed the summary, discussion followed. The summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00, Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$26,506.40. The Program Leader Consulting Services, which were included in the above, were \$2,333.50 including mileage and reimbursements. Bill Rickard made the motion to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented, Tim Schudel seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection Designations –The planning group didn't meet this month. They will be meeting in January with a DOH representative to explain how wellhead protection programs are mandatory for all Class "A" water systems and answer questions about how smaller systems outside of SAJB should be included in the local jurisdictions efforts to protect wellheads.

Water Rights Committee – A conference call discussing revisions to Ecology's Policy 20-30 regarding water rights with President Wick, Steve Skipworth, Joe Carroll, Maia Bellon, Evan Sheffels, Alan Reichman, and Keith Stoffel was made on December 8, 2010. The committee is requesting that the policy be revised so that irrigation water rights continue to be available to meet future growth needs. Ecology acknowledged that good points were made during the discussion and the committee will be putting their requests into writing for Ecology. The biggest disagreement is that Ecology is using the term "Agricultural" Irrigation and SAJB's stand is that there is no such term and no definition of this term exists in Washington State statutes.

Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Updates – The letter to the businesses was sent out. PM Casci showed the board the ArcGIS File and the CD mailing list. The board requested that the mailing list be revised to include the address for the DOH Drinking Water Division in Olympia. PM Casci will make copies of the file for each member of SAJB and bring them to the January meeting.

2010 Wellhead Protection Financial Review – PM Casci presented the Review. The total expenditures in 2010 were \$176,685.06.

Resolution 2010-07 – The 2011 Wellhead Protection Program Budget Resolution was discussed. PM Casci amended the total revenue amount from \$226,559.75 to \$234,680.90 because new assessment checks were processed in

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December that hadn't been included previously. The KSPS contract amount was changed from \$50,000 to \$40,000 because KSPS was asking for more money and negotiations weren't final yet. The PCSI letter material amount was changed from 0 to \$662.50 because The Master's Touch didn't submit their final invoice in order for it to be paid in 2010. Tim Schudel proposed that the Resolution be approved as amended, Scott Inch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2010-08 Spokane County Water Resources Contract – The contract for the work Spokane County Resources does on the PCSI mailing list and map was discussed. The contract has a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 annually. Tim Schudel voted to approve the contract as presented, Terry Squibb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4) NEW BUSINESS

5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PM Casci had nothing to report at this time.

6) OPEN FORUM

Water System Operating Fees – The fee structure is under review by DOH. If changed the cap would increase as well as the rates per connection. The City of Spokane would potentially go from \$10,000 to \$70,000 and systems like Vera and Modern would have a 60% increase. Also, the Fee may be taken out of the statute and put into rule making. This would mean that it would no longer take a vote of the legislature to change the fee. If adopted it would be implemented over a three year period.

Secretary Small announced that the AWWA Subsection is still working on the Truck Rodeo. The next meeting is December 21st at 1:30. They need more help pledged for setting up and tearing down the event.

Dave Johnson reported that he had talked with Denise Clifford at the Department of Health about water right transfers when systems take over exempt wells and other small systems. Currently it takes several years for Ecology to look at the transfers, if ever, but sometimes the systems and wells need to be taken over right away. Dave asked for DOH support in streamlining the transfer process so that systems may absorb customers with failing exempt wells easier.

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 16th day of December, 2010 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:45 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Kathleen M Small