



# SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2014

Officers: President Ty Wick, VP Bob Ashcraft, Secretary Todd Henry, Treasurer Neal Skaufel

## 1) CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Spokane County Water District No. 3, 1225 N. Yardley Street, Spokane, Washington 99212. President Ty Wick was in attendance. A total of 12 attended the meeting; including 9 SAJB voting representatives, 0 non-voting members, Program Manager Hanson and 2 guests. The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests is available upon request.

### **Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes**

President Wick called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of April 24, 2014. Hearing none the Minutes for April were approved

## 2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**President Ty Wick reported for the Treasurer.**

### **SAJB Administration Funds**

The SAJB checking balance for May 2014 is \$4,419.96

### **SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds**

The WIP checking balance is \$54,125.19 Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$57,997.73.

### **Administration and WIP Bill Summary for May**

President Wick presented the Bill Payment Summary for the month of May 2014.

The May Bill Payment Summary totaled \$13,635.76. The May summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$13,635.76. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of May amounted to \$3,160.03.

Those present reviewed the summary. Bryan St. Clair moved to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented. Bob Ashcraft seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### 3) OLD BUSINESS

**Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection** – Doug Greenlund reported that a final meeting was held on April 28, 2014 at Centerplace Conference Center. Recommendations have been finalized by the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Wellhead Protection Policy Coordinating Committee (WHP PCC). The proposed Wellhead Protection measures are intended to compliment the current aquifer protection measures and are specifically targeted at protecting public drinking water wells located within the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. Recommendations are now moving through the review process by local jurisdictions. Lloyd Brewer plans to draft letters requesting support for the recommendations by Water District Boards/Commissioners, individuals and the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board. President Wick requested a list of entities to whom Lloyd sends letters.

**Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC)** – IWAC met on May 13, 2014 at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District. IWAC has been focused on getting buy-in and funding for a regional future water demand model based on the Spokane County model and including the Idaho water purveyors. The idea was presented at the Rathdrum Prairie CAMP meeting; but there is concern that this model will not provide the needed information for the Idaho water adjudication, Ecology instream flow rulemaking, and the Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs (RAFN). The modeling process and funding sources are issues that complicate the goal of developing a regional water demand model. IWAC formed a Water Demand subcommittee, made up of Linda Kiefer-Avista, Jim Markley-CDA, Rob Lindsay–Spokane County and Mike Galante-NKWSD, to continue working on this goal.

IWAC meets monthly, the second Tuesday at 1:30 pm. SAJB members are encouraged to participate in this bi-state collaboration. IWAC agendas, minutes and documents are available at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/category/iwac/iwac-agendas-minutes/>.

**2015 Aquifer Atlas Update** – Work on designing the atlas is continuing in subcommittees working on specific content. The full working group meeting met on May 29, 2014.

**Water Rights Committee** – The Water Rights Committee did not meet and had no report.

**Spokane River Instream Flow** – The Department of Ecology held a public meeting at Centerplace Event Center and presented the following proposed TIMELINE for Spokane River Instream Flow Rule making process (as of 5/14/14):

- 5/14/14 First Public Meeting – Q/As on Preliminary Draft Rule released 4/17/14
- 5/31/14 Deadline for recommendations to Ecology on Preliminary Draft Rule
- Summer 2014 Begin Formal Public Process, Ecology file CR-102.
- Fall 2014 Public Hearing
- Early 2015 Rule Adoption

SAJB members agreed to individually provide in-stream flow rule making comments from their respective districts. Content from President Wick's draft letter may be used to incorporate into the individual letters. All comments must be received by Friday, May 30, 2014. Program Manager Hanson sent supporting documents / links to SAJB members. Documents and links listed below including the draft comments can be found at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/category/iwac/iwac-agendas-minutes/>.

- Ecology publication 14-11-001 - Spokane River Instream Flow Rule-Making FAQs
- Ecology Publication 13-11-001- Focus on Spokane River Flows

Links to additional information on Ecology's website:

Guy Gregory's presentation at the public meeting on 5/14/14

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/rules/images/pdf/spokane/spokaneworkshop-gregory-05142014.pdf>

Submit comments on-line <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/rules/557-pi.html>

Or send comments by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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#### **4) NEW BUSINESS**

**SAJB Recess** – The Spokane Aquifer Joint Board recesses during the summer months to accommodate water purveyor's peak seasonal construction, repairs and maintenance activities that might otherwise limit attendance during this time. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014.

**2014 PCSI Business Letter and Insert** - The 2012 PCSI letter and business insert were presented for review. The mailing and map are scheduled for distribution in September to allow for launch of the new EnviroStars Waste Directory website. PM Hanson confirmed with Ed Perry, Department of Health, Drinking Water Division, that distribution of the PCSI letter needed to occur within the 2014 calendar year but there was no specific date requirement. Members are invited to submit suggestions for revisions. The business insert will require updating to reflect upcoming and but currently undetermined changes in the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System.

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

Program Manager Tonilee Hanson reported on the completed and scheduled community and school education and awareness events. PM report is available at <http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014.5.22-SAJB-PM-Report.pdf>

**2014 Education and Awareness Events**

- 5/28/14 – STEMposium (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- 6/2-11/14 - Mead School District 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Environmental Camp
- 6/7/14 - Fire District 9 Wellness and Demo Day
- 6/14/14 – Parade of Paws at the Humane Society
- 7/19/14 – Canines vs Cancer – Post Falls Greyhound Track
- 8/23/14 – Millwood Daze
- August TBD – Spokane Indians Table Night
- 9/4-9/15 – Spokane County Interstate Fair
- 9/20/14 - ValleyFest

**Pro-Active Business Assistance & Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**

- [EnviroStars Waste Directory](#) Website for Residents and Businesses
  - [Understand My Waste](#)
  - [Help Me Get Rid of My Waste](#)

The waste directory website is scheduled to launch in September 2014. It links businesses and residents to over 100 vendors who can help properly dispose of 250 wastes. The Waste Directory also provides information to understand the environmental impact of each waste and why proper disposal is vital for protecting our river, aquifer, land and air. Creating the Spokane Waste Directory was inspired by and resources were collected from the [King County Waste Directory \(Yellow Book\)](#), the [Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, Washington](#), the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System [Getting Rid of it A-Z](#) and the Department of Ecology [Reducing Toxic Substance in our Environment](#).

**Website Statistics:** April 15 to May 14, website page views amounted to 8,495. New visitors made up 82.1% of the visits and returning visitors amounted to 17.9%. The Water Purveyor Map continues to receive the most visits. Go to the Program Manager's report linked above to see the website statistics comparison table for the past 6 months.

- 6) OPEN FORUM** - President Wick reminded members to distribute the Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) by June 30, 2014 and send an electronic copy or web link to Program Manager Hanson so the member CCRs can be available on the SAJB website.

**7) ADJOURN**

There being no further business this 22nd day of May, 2014, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.

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President Ty Wick

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Secretary Todd Henry