



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 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 16 attended the meeting; including 10 SAJB voting representatives, 2 non-voting members, Program Manager Hanson and 3 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 September 25th, 2014. Hearing none the Minutes for September were approved as submitted.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Ty Wick reported for the Treasurer.

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB checking balance for October 2014 is \$3,775.17

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$60,648.92. The Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$58,153.83.

Administration and WIP Bill Summary for October

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

The October Bill Payment Summary totaled \$4,657.56. The October summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$1,375.00. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of October amounted to \$3,282.56

Those present reviewed the summaries. Terry Squibb moved 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

2014 PCSI Business Mailing and Map – Reanette Boese revised the mailing list and map using the DOH approved special wellhead protection areas. No additional changes were requested for 2014 PCSI letter and Insert. Program Manager (PM) Hanson requested printing and mailing bids from three vendors and at the time of this meeting not all of the bids have been received. It was agreed that once the bids were received, the SAJB officers would approve the best bid and the mailing would be completed as quickly as possible.

Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection – Doug Greenlund reported that scheduling a meeting with the Spokane City Council would wait until after the November 4th election.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – IWAC met on October 14, 2014 at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District. WSU professor Allyson Beall King and doctoral student, Melanie Thornton reviewed the WISDM model and engaged participants in focus group to address water resource sustainability. Input from water purveyors and other focus groups will be used to inform the WISDM (Watershed Integrated Systems Dynamic Modeling) collaborative modeling project. WISDM will work with stakeholders to understand decision making and create broad thinking scenarios. The November 11th IWAC meeting was cancelled in honor of Veteran's Day.

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 editing the 2015 Aquifer Atlas is continuing. The document will not be ready for printing in 2014.

Spokane River Instream Flow Update – The Department of Ecology held a public hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at Centerplace Regional Event Center, Great Room at 6:00 pm. The open house was followed by the public hearing at 7:00 pm. Representatives of the Sierra Club, the Canoe and Kayak Club as well as individual recreational river users presented their disagreement with proposed in-stream flow ruling arguing that more water is needed in the river for recreation. General discussion followed regarding instream flows and included:

- 1975 the Little Spokane River basin was closed to new water rights.
- 1976 the state legislature enacted legislation establishing the Little Spokane in-stream flow rule, essentially a water right for the river.
- Spokane County is conducting a study to determine if a Water Bank might provide mitigation for new exempt wells.
- Western water law “first in time, first in right”
- Concerns were expressed that earlier purveyor comments presented to Ecology were not acknowledged nor considered in the final decision.

GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Aquifer Flow History – President Wick, informed John Porcello that SAJB members requested that he proceed with Task 4: Develop Approach for Analysis of Historical Effects on River Flows \$5,500. John has limited time, due to other work commitments but will schedule this final task for completion.

Watershed Memorandum of Agreement – President Wick reported that the WRIA Memo of Agreement was signed.

Our Gem Symposium is scheduled for 11/18/14 and the Spokane River Forum (SRF) Conference on 11/19/14 – 11/20/14 at the CDA Resort – www.spokaneriver.net/conf

SAJB November Meeting Date - The next meeting date is Thursday, 12/4/14.

4) NEW BUSINESS

2015 Draft Budget and 2014 Event Materials Inventory – Members reviewed PM Hanson's 4th quarter report detailing 2014 expenditures and actions to date. A draft 2015 budget was discussed and changes were requested. The draft budget will be modified and sent to members for consideration at the December meeting. Both documents are available on the website with the 10/23/14 meeting documents.

5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Program Manager Tonilee Hanson reported

2014 Education and Awareness Events – PM Hanson has participated in 42 community and school education and awareness events in 2014. Aqua Duck appeared at 22 of the 2014 events. A list of events from 2012-2014 is available on the website. 2015 events are already being scheduled.

Pro-Active Business Assistance & Household Hazardous Waste Disposal – A fall 'soft launch' campaign for the Waste Directory www.SpokaneWasteDirectory.org has begun and planning is underway for 2015 Spring Cleaning Media Blitz with print, TV and Radio. The KSPS DRAFT Aqua Duck/Waste Directory spot was viewed and approved. A suggestion to have the web address visible throughout the message was shared with Jim Zimmer at KSPS and the final copy of the PSA video was posted to the SAJB website. The Waste Directory was included as a SRF Conference session. A 6 foot, free standing Waste Directory banner was designed and funded by the Spokane River Forum for use at the Conference.

Website Statistics: The Graph below shows SAJB website statistics for the months of April through October 2014. The most consistent change is the increased percentage of returning visitors. A page review shows that the Purveyor map continues to lead all other pages with returning visitors. School visits to the Virtual field trips were next in pages visited during this time period.

Dates	4/15/14 5/14/14	5/15/14 6/14/14	6/15/14 7/14/14	7/15/14 8/14/14	8/15/14 9/14/14	9/15/14 10/14/14
Total visits	2,909	2,285	1,682	1,911	2,244	2,780
Unique Visits	3,979	1,728	1,311	1,534	1,788	2,299
Page Views	8,495	9,748	6,407	7,769	7,781	9,304
Ave. minutes	1:10	2:49	1:27	1:38	1:26	1:26
New visitors	82.1%	71.55%	72.2%	74.5%	74.6%	78.5%
Returning Visitors	17.9%	28.4%	27.8%	25.5%	25.4%	21.5%
Page Visits	2.91	4.27	3.81	4.07	3.47	3.35
Bounce Rate	39.88%	18.47%	22.12%	18.73	21.75	28.06%
Peak Dates	4/16, 4/25, 4/28	5/21, 5/28, 6/4,	6/19, 6/23, 6/30, 7/10, 7/15,	7/24, 7/31, 8/8, 8/13	8/19, 8/21, 9/8, 9/14,	10/13/14

OPEN FORUM –

- 6) GUEST SPEAKER** – Kristen Zimmer, City of Spokane Water Stewardship and Conservation Education Program. Kristen presented the City's "Slow the Flow" program outreach which includes the www.waterstewardship.org website, utility billing inserts, newsletters, offers of free irrigation assessments by certified irrigation specialists and participation in numerous community events. Interactive event displays are under currently construction. Kristen's presentation is available on the SAJB website with the entire 10/23/14 meeting supporting documents.

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 23rd day of October, 2014, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:50 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry