



# **SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2015

Officers: President Ty Wick, VP Jeremy Jenkins, 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 15 attended the meeting; including 10 SAJB voting representatives, 1 SAJB alternate voting representatives 1 non-voting member, 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 24, 2015. 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 2015 is \$4,267.51

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

The WIP checking balance is \$42,105.10 Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$58,598.87.

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

President Wick presented the Bill Payment Summary for the month of October of 2015.

The October Bill Payment Summary totaled \$20,068.43. The October summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$00.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$16,520.00. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of October amounted to \$3,548.43

Those present reviewed the summaries. Terry Squibb moved to approve the October Bill Payment Summary as presented. Bruce Davidson 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 the wellhead protection proposal continues to move through Spokane city's review process.

**Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC)** – Election of IWAC Officers was held on October 13, 2015. Rob Lindsay was elected as the new Secretary. President Mike Galante, Vice President Ty Wick, and Treasurer Alan Miller were re-elected. The IWAC website is under construction. Draft navigation functions were reviewed, providing feedback and recommendations for continued development.

IWAC meets monthly, the second Tuesday at 1:30 pm. SAJB members are encouraged to participate in this bi-state collaboration.

**GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Historical Analysis Scope - "Technical Approach, Scope of Work, and Cost Estimate for Conducting a Phased Analysis of the Causes of Historical Changes to Seasonal Low Flows in the Spokane River.** President Wick reported that John Porcello is continuing work on the scope and will provide SAJB members with a Phase One status report on December 3, 2015.

**City of Spokane Valley Comprehensive Plan** – Henry Allen, COSV, reported that development of the Comprehensive Plan is ongoing.

**Aquifer Level Monitoring and Reporting** – Jeremy Jenkins reported that Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District obtained a Bi-State monitoring well from the USGS. The well is located outside of pumping influence areas. Ecology's website has years of data logger information. John Covert may be contacted to assist in accessing the historic well log data. Winter meetings will be scheduled to discuss an aquifer monitoring plan.

**Regional Conservation Program** – At the October IWAC meeting a Water Conservation Sub-Committee was formed to collect water use data and research effective practices in places like California with Governor Brown mandated conservation and Seattle, WA with voluntary conservation. Sub-committee volunteers include: John Beecham City of Post Falls, Ty Wick and Kelly Williquette SCWD3, BiJay Adams LLSWD and Henry Allen COSV. One goal is to agree upon a common regional conservation message. The City of Spokane has branded a stewardship message of "Slow the Flow." If Spokane is interested, does it make sense to align a regional message with Spokane's existing tag line or is it best to develop new regional slogans?

**Next SAJB Meeting Thursday, December 3, 2015**

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

**2016 DRAFT Wellhead Implementation Budget** - A draft 2016 budget with 2015 actual costs (year to date 10/22/15) and projected year end expenditures was reviewed by the board. The [2016 draft Budget](#) will be submitted for further discussion and approval on December 3, 2015.

**5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –**

**Program Manager Hanson's report** can be viewed or downloaded [here](#).

**2015 Scheduled Education and Awareness Events**

**10/24/15 Fall Leaf Festival** is held at Finch Arboretum and Aqua Duck is scheduled to appear. Requests for 2016 school science nights are being received and added to the calendar.

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

**EnviroStars Waste Directory Media Campaign Results** - Waste Directory website visits for January through February 2015, prior to the media campaign, averaged 264 per month. During the media campaign, March – June visits averaged 625 per month. Following the media campaign, July through September visits declined to an average of 415 per month which is, nevertheless, a significant increase over the pre-media campaign phase.

**EnviroStars Business Renewals & Certifications** - The total number of Certified EnviroStars is 83. Five (5) businesses have been decertified mainly as a result of new ownership that has not maintained the certification. Twenty-three (23) businesses have completed the renewal process and in all cases completed previous goals and upgraded their star rating. Two businesses, Ryerson and West Star of Spokane, are currently in the certification process.

**SAJB Website** – Website statistics showed 1,774 users with 8,944 page views. New visitors comprised 67.5% of the visits and 32.5% were existing users. PM Hanson added FAQs and category tags in response to the search requests for: account, billing, jobs, water rates, water pressure, outages, backflow, water quality report, fluoride, and water treatment.

**6) OPEN FORUM****7) GUEST SPEAKER****8) ADJOURN**

There being no further business this 22th day of October 2015, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:10 PM.

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President Ty Wick

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Secretary Todd Henry