



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2016

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. A total of 17 attended the meeting; including 10 SAJB voting representatives, 3 SAJB alternate voting representatives, 1 non-voting member, 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 Ty Wick called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the [Minutes of April 28, 2016](#). Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as submitted.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer, Neal Skaufel reported.

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB checking balance for April 2016 is \$3,390.90

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance is \$46,012.09. Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$58,816.04.

Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary

President Wick presented the May Bill Payment Summary as follows: The Bill Payment Summary totaled \$4,460.40. The summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$1,097.50. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of May amounted to \$3,362.90.

Jim Lahde moved to approve the Bill Payment Summary as presented. Scott Inch seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection – No new information to report.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – IWAC met on 5/10/16 and discussed funding requests of \$45,000 for four water protection videos. WSU plans to sponsor 2-3 Regional Water planning summer workshops. Regular IWAC meetings resume on September 13th. Meetings are held at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District in the large conference room.

Water Rights Sub-Committee/New Water Rights Options – President Wick reported that Mike Galante, North Kootenai Water & Sewer District (NKWSD), has numerous systems that are not connected together. Mike requested that NKWSD's water rights be valid within all of the systems operated by them. Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) at first denied the request; but NKWSD filed a public information request for legal documentation prohibiting such use of their water rights. Since none existed, IDWR finally approved consolidation of NKWSDs' water rights. This accommodation in Idaho may have set a precedent.

Attorney Joe Carroll is working with Senator Padden to place a legislative bill before the legislature authorizing the transfer of irrigation water rights directly to municipal water rights. The proposed bill would be specific to sole source aquifers. Currently Ecology allows water use between water systems if their water service areas are cross identified in their Comprehensive Water System Plans. The use of inter-ties for consolidation would not require change applications.

2016 PCSI Business Letter and Insert. The draft 2016 PCSI business letter and information insert were presented for approval. Spokane County Utilities information will need to be edited to reflect the recent name change to Environmental Services. SAJB members approved making the changes and proceeding with a summer mailing rather than waiting for approval at the September meeting.

4) NEW BUSINESS

Heavy metals transport into the Spokane River and effects upon water quality in Aquifer.

A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) process for heavy metals is starting in Idaho. The EPA is monitoring and gathering data.

KSPS Mid-Year Report – Dawn Bayman, KSPS Director of Development provided a comprehensive report. Forty (40) aquifer workshops have been completed reaching 954 students. Schools reached include six (6) Spokane Public Schools District 81, two (2) in West Valley School District, six (6) Central Valley Schools and two (2) East Valley schools. The Got Waste Contest resulted in entries from 50 students in 7 classes and one home-schooler. Winning entries can be viewed [here](#). Dawn also previewed the newest [Water Conservation spot](#) and asked for guidance on the second conservation spot to be produced. Ty Wick recommended a simple message to avoid watering in the heat of the day and raising your lawn mower height. Taller grass shades the lawn; which means less water evaporation.

SAJB Meetings will resume on Thursday, September 22, 2016

5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –

Program Manager Hanson's report can be viewed or downloaded.

2016 Scheduled and completed Education and Awareness Events

6/4/16 - Fire District 9 Demo Wellness Day,

8/27/16 – Millwood DAZE,

6/6-6/15 – Mead 5th Environmental Camp,

9/9-9/18 – Interstate Fair,

6/11/16 – Spokane County WRC – Tour

9/23/16 - Valleyfest Hearts of Gold Parade

9/24/16 – Valleyfest at Mirabeau Meadows.

Pro-Active Business Assistance EnviroStars program from June 2010 to May 2016 has certified 86 businesses, decertified 5 and 24 businesses have completed the renewal process and upgraded their star levels. Restaurants are the newest industry to focus on due to the fats, oils and greases that impact water quality. Both DoubleTree Hotel restaurants, Spencer's for Steaks and Chops and Shutters Cafe, achieved the 5 star certification level.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal – SpokaneWasteDirectory.org continues to have increasing visits despite the end of radio and billboard ads. The graph below shows on the top, Jan – May 2015 with a robust media campaign. The bottom graph is Jan-May 2016 with a limited media campaign. Sessions Jan – May of 2015 numbered 2,593 and in 2016 sessions numbered 3,317.



SAJB Website – April 29-May 26 brought 1,773 users to the SAJB website viewing 9,223 pages. 3,528 of the pages viewed were contacting Help me find My Water Provider. The aquifer and education and awareness pages were ne next most popular pages. President Wick noted that Conservation is found under Education and Awareness. He requested that Conservation be added to the top level navigation bar.

6) OPEN FORUM

BiJay Adams proposed development of an interactive web-based tool to model the impact on the aquifer of various types of decisions. For example: increase or decrease in water use, oil contamination, changes in use related to changes in water rates. The idea is for a toolbox of shared information that could be helpful for future decision making.

Todd Henry reported that Catherine Cronin is the new Communication Manager at Vera Water and Power.

7) GUEST SPEAKER:

8) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 26th day of May 2016, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry