



## **SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 27, 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 23 attended the meeting; including 12 SAJB voting representatives, 1 SAJB alternate voting representative, 1 non-voting members, Program Manager Hanson and 9 guests. The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests is available upon request.

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

Vice President Jeremy Jenkins called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of September 22, 2016. Hearing none, Bruce Davidson moved to approve the minutes and Scott Inch seconded the motion. VP Jenkins called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

### **2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Secretary Todd Henry presented the Treasurer's financial report.**

#### **SAJB Administration Funds**

The SAJB checking balance for October 2016 is \$3,419.40

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

The WIP checking balance is \$21,625.37. Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$58,994.19.

#### **Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary**

Secretary Henry presented the Bill Payment Summary for the month of October 2016.

The October Bill Payment Summary totaled \$11,175.78. The October summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$7,200.34. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of September amounted to \$3,848.00.

Those present reviewed the summary. Kelly Williquette moved to approve the October Bill Payment Summary as presented. Bruce Davidson seconded the motion. VP Jenkins called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### **3) OLD BUSINESS**

**Wellhead Regulatory Process and Wellhead Protection** –There was no new information to report regarding the wellhead protection process.

**Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC)** – IWAC met on October 11, 2016. Past President Mike Galante presented a video production and broadcast proposal from KSPS. President Dan Kegley called for nominations for V.P and Treasurer. Elections are scheduled for 11/8/16. Terry Pickel was nominated for VP. Education and awareness messages through video, print and social media are a top priority for actionable next steps. IWAC meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District in the large conference room.

**Water Rights Sub-Committee–State Supreme Court Ruling** – Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Water Resources Manager, led a detailed and informative discussion about factors leading up to the permit exempt well ruling by the state supreme court and how it will potentially impact property owners, developers, lending institutions and the Spokane County permitting process. Discussion points included the following:

- Is water legally available without impairing senior water rights?
- Spokane County will be coordinating with the Department of Ecology in a management response.
- October 26, 2016 was the implementation date set by the Supreme Court and 453 applications for building permits were submitted to the County by close of business on October 26, 2016. As many as 8,000 property owners could be impacted by this ruling if they cannot get a building permit, dig a well or sell the property.
- How will impairment determinations be made to assess if a new water right will impair senior water rights? And who will bear the cost of such an assessment?
- It appears that Counties in will bear the responsibility of managing water rights for the state. The Washington State Association of Counties is seeking further guidance.
- The Growth Management Act, comprehensive planning and limiting growth in the rural areas is at the center of the issue.
- Public water systems with un-allocated water rights will most likely receive increased requests to extend service out into rural areas.
- The greatest impact will be in watersheds like WRIA 55 with the Little Spokane river, impaired surface water and senior water rights.
- Spokane County is continuing to pursue water banking as a mitigation strategy that may be acceptable to Futurewise and the Sierra Club.

**Heavy metals transport into the Spokane River and effects upon water quality in Aquifer.**  
No Report

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

**2017 new Aqua Duck Comic proposal** – David Kelley is the Aqua Duck comic book artist. He and Program Manager (PM) Hanson have been discussing the increasing public interest in a new Aqua Duck Adventure. The last comic was produced in 2010. Since 2010 the Activity Book and Conservation Coloring Book have been produced for the younger audiences. Dave explained that the initial idea for the new adventure would feature the Aqua Duck team reviewing the dossiers of all the enemies of the aquifer and celebrating those that have been suppressed. For example: Sludge is detained due to septic tank removal and sewerage of the Valley. Toxie and Slick are less of a menace because people are recycling their oils and properly disposing of hazardous wastes. But

alas, contaminant of concern (COCs) are emerging like PCBs. This issue would encourage students to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) so they can help the Aqua Duck team defeat the new contaminants. Dave will create the new issue at the same 2010 price of \$6,500. Ben Serr, DOH Division of Drinking Water informed the members that there are grant opportunities that might fund this new comic book. Ben will send the grant application to PM Hanson.

**2017 Billboard Proposal** – Program Manager Hanson displayed the existing billboard artwork. Several of the billboards have an old url for the solid waste system which was reconfigured in fall of 2014. The artwork show fat and skinny variations of Aqua Duck. SAJB did not contract for billboards in 2016. Emerald Outdoor Advertising provided the following 2017 options:

1. 14' x 48's vinyls are \$980 plus tax for production. These vinyls are re-useable.
2. 10' x 30's vinyls are \$450 plus tax for production. These vinyls are re-useable.
3. We will post as many vinyls as you have produced, at \$1000 each, per month, with no charge for installation or rotation. Standard rate per month, is \$1800 each and \$700 each, per month, respectively. We will not increase this rate for as long as you wish to continue running your ads.
4. I can also offer you 15 posters for \$1000 production. Posters are size 10.5 x 22.8. but poster vinyl cannot be reused. At \$1000 per month, we will post at least four posters per month for 8+ months. Poster designs can vary, and do not need to be the same. This provides you an opportunity to completely change ads or focus on one design for a period if you wish.

If we choose #4 we could have Dave Kelly draw up to 12 new billboard designs that will give us a fresh billboard look which is consistent with our comic books. The messages can change quarterly throughout the year. If we choose to do the new comic book Dave will design the billboards for \$100 each. If we do not do the comic his price for the billboard art would be between \$300 and \$500 dollars each.

**PCSI Map** – Ben Serr, DOH Division of Drinking Water, presented a proposal to assist SAJB member with individual PCSI maps. GSI students in Dr. Stacy Warren's class at Eastern Washington University would produce the system specific maps and this would help water systems meet the DOH requirement that they each provide printed copies of the potential contaminants in their capture zones. PM Hanson will send Ben the 2016 map but final decision on this project was held until President Wick is present in November.

[2017 Draft Budget](#) - Program Manager Hanson presented a draft 2017 budget which included 2016 actuals to date. Discussion followed. Members will continue the budget discussion at the November meeting.

**SAJB regularly scheduled meetings dates** of November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. November 17 and December 15 were proposed as alternate dates. Bryan St. Clair moved to change our regularly scheduled fourth Thursday of the month meeting to the proposed dates of November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Williquette seconded the motion. VP Jenkins called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Next SAJB Meeting Thursday, November 17, 2016****5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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

**2016-2017 Events Completed and Scheduled**

9/23/16 - Valleyfest Hearts of Gold Parade  
9/24/16 - Valleyfest at Mirabeau Meadows  
10/1/16 - HUB-Apalooza 3-6 pm Liberty Lake  
11/8/16 - SPS 81 - Fifth Grade Career Fair  
2/9/16 - Holmes Elementary Science Night  
2/23/17 - McDonald Elem. Science Night

**Pro-Active Business Assistance [EnviroStars](#) program Updates**

Six Renewals in October which included Local Source Control visits. These EnviroStars businesses retained their 5-star certification. The EnviroStars status was mentioned in two of the sales as part of the attraction to purchasing the business.

- Dave Smith Nissan formerly Jaremko Nissan
- 4 Oil Can Henry's now Valvoline Instant Oil Change
- American Way Auto body sold to City South Auto body

**[SAJB Website](#)** – From September 15, 2016 to October 14, 2016 the number of pages viewed was 9,866. There were 1,773 users and 2,590 sessions averaging 3.8 pages per session. New visitors made up 62% of the users and 38% were returning users.

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

There being no further business this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016, Vice President Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.

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President Ty Wick

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VP Jeremy Jenkins

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Secretary Todd Henry