



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 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 26 attended the meeting; including 11 SAJB voting representatives, 2 SAJB alternate voting representative, 2 non-voting members, Program Manager Hanson and 11 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 February 16, 2017. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as submitted.

2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Wick presented the Treasurer's financial report.

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB checking balance for March 23, 2017 balance is \$3,581.43.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The WIP checking balance for March 23, 2017 is \$67,130.16. The Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) balance is \$44,178.04

Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary

President Wick presented the Bill Payment Summary for March 2017.

The March 2017 Bill Payment Summary totaled \$16,208.85. The summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$12,670.00. Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage amounted to \$3,583.85.

Those present reviewed the summary. Terry Squibb moved to approve the March Bill Payment Summary as presented. Paul Allen seconded the motion. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3) OLD BUSINESS

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) – IWAC met on March 14, 2017 and reviewed the [KSPS Stormwater spot](#) based on a game show format. Portions of the video were included in a video montage shown at the Spokane River Forum H2O breakfast on March 17th. SAJB members viewed the draft spot. A script was developed for Drippy the

Water Drop a hydrologic cycle lesson. Discussions continued regarding the development of irrigation efficiency guidelines and working with elected officials to implement the guidelines.

The next IWAC meeting is 4/11/17. IWAC Meeting Minutes can be found at www.iwac.us. IWAC meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District in the large conference room.

4) NEW BUSINESS

2017 Potential Contaminant Source Inventory – Reanette Boese, Spokane County Water Resources, has completed the 2017 Potential Contaminant Source Inventory updates. New information, for 2017, is data from Washington State Department of Ecology on UIC wells. Also new is an additional field in the spreadsheet for “Record Added.” Purveyors are asked to review and verify the list of businesses in their service area and return the information to Program Manager Hanson by April 21, 2017.

Research on UIC wells - Ginny Stern, Office of Drinking Water hydrogeologist, is retiring this month and she introduced her replacement Sheryl Howe. Ginny's presentation included source water quality challenges, emerging issues and opportunities. Underground injection control (UIC) wells are located across the region and there is no map of the UICs in relation to drinking water wells. Vulnerable public water sources may not be protected by the general stormwater BMPs and guidance. Ginny proposed possible water utility actions which included: 1) update source protection delineations for the most vulnerable drinking water sources, 2) Work with local governments to develop ordinances that protect the vulnerable drinking water wells (6 months to 1 year time of travel), 3) Identify local UIC stormwater permitting authority and educate them, and 4) Partner to monitor water quality and best management practices are implemented near vulnerable sources.

Discussion followed.

- Doug Greenland mentioned that the City of Spokane is looking into BMPs for stormwater as it relates to water supply.
- Communication tools are needed for purveyors to be informed of how construction projects near wellhead protection areas plan to manage stormwater and to alert developers to the proximity of public water supplies.
- Mapping UIC wells near vulnerable public drinking water wells might be a future project for Dr. Stacy Warren's GIS students at Eastern Washington University.

WUE policies and water rights - Mike Dixel, Office of Drinking Water, is a senior planner who works on DOH policy. Mike's work focuses on municipal water law, water efficiency reporting by utilities and a high-level monitoring of water conservation. Mike touched on the following areas and made himself available to everyone for follow-up questions.

1. The water efficiency ten-year deadline for metering has ended and 80% of utilities across Washington state are fully metered.
2. Water loss control impacts revenue by moving non-revenue water loss into revenue positive distribution. The goal is for no more than 10 % loss.

3. Water rights – transferring irrigation water right to municipal water rights is an area of concern for many utilities. Mike is working with the Washington Department of Ecology on this issue.

Next Meeting April 27, 2017

5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

Aqua Duck Comic #9 members reviewed the updated script and artwork layout. No new changes were requested. The mock-up can be viewed in the Program Manager's report above. Additional comments are welcomed.

SAJB Website Rebuild – The website development is nearly completed and will be launched in early April.

2017 Education and Awareness Scheduled Events

- 3/13/17 - Hamblen Elem Science Night
- 3/14/17 - Service Truck Rodeo
- 3/15/17 - Mullan Road Science Night
- 3/16/17 - Trentwood Elem Science Night
- 3/23/17 - Roosevelt Elem Science Night
- 5/4/17 – Chester Elem Science Night
- 5/13/17 - Jr. Lilac Parade
- 5/24/17 – Seth Woodard Elem Family Resource Night

Pro-Active Business Assistance - The EnviroStars program, as it has been implemented since 1995, is ending as of December 2017. A new EnviroStars Green Business program has been developed which will be managed by King County and the City of Seattle. It is a pay-to-play program and decision making will reside with the west-side organization. The new program will no longer include certification. It will become a self-reporting recognition opportunity for businesses. The Spokane EnviroStars Steering committee has chosen to develop a local program which will be called "EnviroCertified" and will retain the certification requirement of a local source control visit. Further details will be discussed at the April meeting.

- 6) **GUEST SPEAKER:** Mark Peterson, Peterson & Marquis, Spokane Business and Industrial Park (Crown West Realty) water attorney – Water Law. Crown Reality is identifying and managing a water rights portfolio in Spokane, Pasco, Tri-cities and Wenatchee. Water rights will be leased, rather than sold, to agricultural projects that have seasonal need for water and are accustomed to the idea of short term leasing. Water leasing would put unused water to beneficial use to protect current water rights and leasing provides an incentive to promote water efficiency.

7) ADJOURN

There being no further business this 23rd day of March 2017, President Wick adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM.

President Ty Wick

Secretary Todd Henry