



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2019

SAJB Officers:

President Jeremy Jenkins, VP Shane Sheppard, Secretary Todd Henry, Treasurer Doug Greenlund

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Modern Electric Water Company. A total of 24 attended the meeting including 12 SAJB voting representatives, 1 SAJB alternate voting representatives, 1 non-voting members, Program Manager Hanson and 10 guests. The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests is available upon request. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Jeremy Jenkins called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of April 25, 2019. Hearing none, Bruce Davidson moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Bryan St. Clair seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer, Doug Greenlund presented the financial report for May 2019.

SAJB Administration Funds

The SAJB checking balance for May, 2019 is \$4,737.23.

SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds

The Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) estimated balance is \$45,512.87

Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary

The **May Bill Payment Summary** totaled \$6,911.83 paid with checks numbered 2429-2433. The May summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$2,205.00. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of May amounted to \$4,706.83.

Treasurer Greenlund reported that 20 of the 21 members have paid their dues and assessments. The one who has not yet paid has been contacted.

Those present reviewed the summary. Bruce Davidson moved to approve the May Bill Payment Summary as presented. Bryan St. Clair seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

IWAC Update – Irrigation & Landscape Standards SRF Conference Session Debrief.

2019 New Media Campaign – Moved to the Program Manager's report below.

Growth Management (GMA) Steering Committee of Elected Officials Update Bryan received approval from MEWCO to serve on the Steering Committee in his role as an elected member of the Vera Water and Power Board of Directors. President Jenkins submitted Bryan's name to Candace Mumm. The next meeting is in June.

Wellhead Implementation Plan Update – President Jenkins is forming a sub-committee to review the existing WIP plan and identify any changes or updates that are needed to bring the plan up to today's standards. Todd Henry, Shane Sheppard, Doug Greenlund and Henry Allen expressed interest in being on the committee. President Jenkins will send an email to invite others who may want to participate in the review committee.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Water Rights Pooling – Ty Wick, SAJB Past President and current Consultant for Crown West Realty, presented, for discussion purposes only, a draft resolution for establishing an SAJB Water Rights Pool (Pool). The draft resolution was not distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Ty did submit the resolution to SAJB attorney Scott Hislop, but he has not received comments from Scott. Forming a water pool would be an operational change in SAJB's current role. SAJB members discussed the pro, cons and questions related to forming a pool. What follows are some of the major points of discussion:

- Q: Has Crown West conducted a legal review of RCW 90-42-80? Is Pooling Different than a Trust?
 - R: Pooling allows local control as it is not a state trust.
- Q: What is Ecology's view of pooling?
- Q: Are there existing Water control Boards in WA? If so can we talk to them and learn how they are managing their pool and what issues they have faced?
 - R: Mark Peterson in Chelan County has created a pool with surface water, and it is working. It was asserted that forming a pool would put water to beneficial use and therefore the water rights could not be revoked.
- Q: How would the pool be administered?
 - R: The Water purveyor would retain their rights. They could decide on a year by year basis how much water to contribute to the pool. Participation would be voluntary.
- Q: SAJB was established for Wellhead protection and water conservation not water rights, might not adding a pool under SAJB authority dilute the aquifer protection focus?
 - R: The pool is not intended to dilute SAJB. A new function would be added to the Program Manager's tasks and another SAJB committee would function as the Joint Control Committee.

- Q: Excess water one year might not be excess water the next year. If participation is voluntary year to year, how would a purveyor, buying water from the pool, sign the water rights availability form?
 - R: This is an issue to work through.
- Water rights would all be open and exposed. This idea could backfire on systems with excess water.
- How would the Spokane County Commissioners react?
- How would each purveyor's Board of Directors react?
- What are the legal costs that would be associated with a pool and who pays those costs?
- Consider the implications for the place of use and place of withdraw – What are the hydrologic and environmental community impacts?

Vice President Sheppard asked how many SAJB members were interested in further discussion and would participate in a water pool committee. Interested parties included: Todd Henry, Shane Sheppard, Dan Kegley, Rob Lindsay, Ty Wick, Henry Allen, Mike Hermanson and Jeremy Jenkins. President Jenkins will set up a meeting to proceed with fact finding and determine if a water pool is plausible. Committee work will be brought to the members at the September 26, 2019, meeting.

2019 and 2020 Potential Contaminant Source Inventories – Rob Lindsay & Reanette Boese. 2019 is not a letter and map year. PCSI business lists were sent to each member on May 20th and reviews are requested to be returned by July 22nd. Reanette Boese is retiring from Spokane County this year but she is willing to continue doing the PCSI as a consultant. She can use LLSWD's GIS system and will need to establish access to the Spokane county Permit data. A contract resolution will need to be developed for Reanette's PCSI services in 2020.

Rob Lindsay thanked and acknowledged Reanette for her years of service in Spokane County. The Spokane Aquifer Joint Board also appreciates all of Reanette's work in water quality sampling, potential contaminant source inventories and aquifer education to thousands of students each year over the past twenty-five years.

Spokane County Franchise Agreements w/ Water Providers - Debra Firkins, Administration Engineer and Monty Chamberlain stated that by RCW 57 no franchise agreement can live longer than 50 years. Spokane County is in the process of updating all franchise agreements with utilities. Debra requested SAJB representatives to serve on a subcommittee for the purpose of writing a standardized franchise agreement. The subcommittee would meet over the summer to draft the agreement and review it with members at the SAJB meeting on September 26, 2019. President Jenkins will email members and invite participation in the Franchise subcommittee. Tim Murrell was supportive of the process and reported that Whitworth Water District had a good experience when they recently updated their franchise agreement.

AWWA PNWS 2020 Conference. The Conference is being held in Spokane April 29, 2020 through May 1, 2020. The deadline to submit abstracts is July 15, 2019.

Construction Season Recess – June – August. **Next Meeting Date** – September 26, 2019. Tim Murrell invited SAJB to hold the October meeting at Whitworth's new facilities located at 17401 N Newport Road, Mead, WA 99021 across from Cat Tails.

5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –Program Manager's Report.
2019 Education and Awareness Events

- 4/24/19 – Orchard Family Center Science Night
- 4/27/19 – Arbor Day at Finch Arboretum
- 5/18/19 – Dozer Days at Cabela's
- 5/21/19 – CDA Tribe Youth Water Summit – Judge
- 6/4-6/5/19 - Mead Environmental Days at Bear Lake
- 8/17/19 – Unity in the Community
- 9/20/19 Valleyfest – Hearts of Gold Parade
- 9/21/19 Valleyfest at Mirabeau Meadows



2019 Media Campaigns Early Results

47 days (3/5 - 4/21)

- 40,255 impressions
- 158 Clicks
- 0.3% Click Through Rate (CTR) (0.15 is industry average)
- 7,836 sessions
- 7,031 new users

SAJB
3/5/19 to 10/31/19

13 days (4/22 – 5/5)

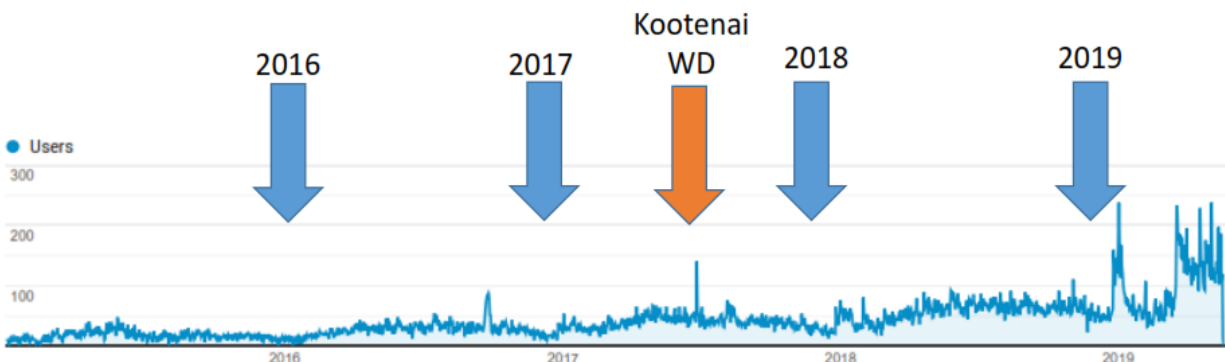
- 97,500 Impressions
- 775 Clicks
- 1.22% Click Through Rate (CTR)
- 4,360 Post Engagements
- 2,001 sessions
- 1,748 New Users

SRRTTF
4/22/19- 6/1/19

SpokaneAquifer.org Website Updates - Media Campaign Results to 5/5/19 – SAJB Waste

Directory focus on Consumer Behaviors: People shopping for and disposing of products containing hazardous materials. SRRTTF focused on products containing PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls).

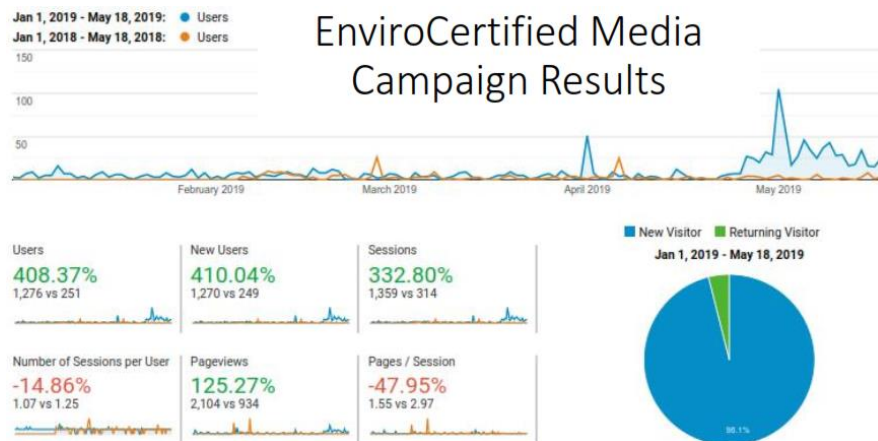
Spokane Kootenai Waste Directory Update – The Google Analytics graph below displays the growth of users from January 2015 to May 20, 2019. To date the Waste Directory has had 69,172 sessions, 194,599 pageviews and 58,154 users with 89% being new users. The orange arrow indicates when Kootenai County joined the Waste Directory. The impact of the 2019 media campaigns shows a dramatic increase in new users.



EnviroCertified Business Recognition Program – The Spokane Aquifer Joint Board is funding an EnviroCertified digital ad media campaign from May 1 – June 30 and November 1-30. The campaign focus is on awareness and recruiting businesses for certification. The intended audience is business owners and business managers in proximity to public drinking water wells working with some type of hazardous materials that could negatively impact affect our wells, aquifer, or river. Below is a sample of the digital ads.



This is the first EnviroCertified media campaign. Here are the results to date: 408% increase in users, 333% increase in sessions and 125% increase in pageviews as shown below in the Google Analytics comparing January 1 – May 20, 2018 (orange line) and 2019 (blue line).



Five EnviroCertified testimonials are being created and will air on KSPS. EnviroCertified businesses identified for testimonials include: [SouthCare Animal Medical Center](#) (South Hill) completed; Baldwin Signs (North Spokane); Maid Naturally (Spokane Valley); C & H Foreign Auto Repair (Spokane); and Bitterroot Lodge (Liberty Lake).

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 23rd day of May 2019, President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:11 PM.

President Jeremy Jenkins

Vice President Shane Sheppard