



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2020

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 via Zoom. A total of 20 attended the meeting including 10 SAJB voting representatives. Others in attendance included 1 SAJB alternate voting representatives, 1 non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson and 8 guests. The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests is available upon request. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm. President Jeremy Jenkins welcomed everyone, and all attendees introduced themselves.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Jeremy Jenkins called for any additions, corrections or deletions to the Minutes of November 19, 2020. Doug Greenlund moved to approve the November minutes and Bryan St. Clair seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

2. FINANCAL REPORT

Treasurer Doug Greenlund presented the December Financial Report

The **December Bill Payment Summary** totaled \$19,201.77 as detailed in WIP check numbers 2515-2519. The December summary detailed Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$15,514.10. Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of December amounted to \$3,687.67.

Those present reviewed the bill payment summaries for December. BiJay Adams moved to approve the December 2020 Bill Payment Summary as presented. Rick Neal seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Update – President Jenkins contacted hydrogeologist John Porcello, GSI water solutions, and asked for a bid to update the MicroFem model to show and characterize the capture zone for any new wells that are not included in the current modeling. John stated that modeling each well would be approximately \$2,500 to \$5,000. President Jenkins suggested that a first step would be to gather information from SAJB members who have added wells. Doug Greenlund shared that the city of Spokane engaged John Porcello to map their new well. Reanette Boese reported that SCWD3 also worked with John to update their new well. She offered to send out a KZM file of the capture zones used to complete the 2020 potential contaminant source Inventory. President Jenkins will work with Doug Greenlund to

develop a questionnaire for members to identify any wells added since the last GSI model in 2014. No monies were budgeted for capture zone mapping at this time.

Find My Water Provider Map – A search of IWAC records identified that Ashley Williams of Welch Comer in Idaho mapped the Kootenai county water providers in 2013. Tonilee Hanson contacted Ashley and she is willing to update the Idaho Purveyor Service Area Map. Ashley will prepare a bid for IWAC by January 5, 2021 so members can review the bid prior to the January 12th IWAC meeting. Reanette Boese has been in contact with Ashley to confirm the format needed for updating the SAJB website map.

Virtual Service Truck Rodeo 2/24/21 and 3/3/21– BiJay Adams reported that the 2021 Service Truck Rodeo will include a variety of sessions. Michelle Johnson is developing the program and some features of the live Rodeo are yet to be determined. On 2/24 Terry Pickel and BiJay Adams will present an Irrigation and Landscape Design Standards session from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Dan Kegley will host a Backflow Education session from 10:40 to 11:40 a.m. The backflow session will highlight video clips and media campaigns.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Ty Wick Memorial – It was with great sadness that President Jenkins reported the passing of Ty Wick on December 11, 2020. Ty Wick was the founding President of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board, in 1995 and continued as President until he retired in 2018. [Read Ty's obituary](#). At this link you can also [post a memory of Ty and/or send your condolences](#) to the family.



Members discussed Bryan St. Clair's idea for a Ty Wick Scholarship for new Water Purveyors and Shane Sheppard's suggestion for a Ty Wick Award. Discussions will continue in 2021 to determine a way to honor Ty's contribution to the community. Other ideas included a scholarship for SSC Water Resources students, setting up a fund to receive donations and options for how the fund could be administered.

In 2017, Ty was awarded the Spokane River Forum's Water Stewardship Award. President Jenkins read Ty's remarks on receiving the award, which are reprinted below.

“Colleagues,

I am humbled and honored to be recognized today for my role in protecting our amazing aquifer that is the sole source of drinking water in this region. However, any successes that may have been realized through these efforts were the result of many people coming together that shared the same goals and were willing to work cooperatively towards achieving outcomes that would benefit the greater community.

It has been my experience that all of us working together can accomplish great things in the most cost effective and efficient manner that likely could not even be conceived, let alone attempted, by single individuals or lone entities. It is my hope and plea that you continue this mission to protect and preserve this precious resource, for it simply cannot be replaced.”

Ty Wick

Aqua Duck's New Costume – It has been at least 10 years since the costume was created and it has been worn at 30 or more events every year except for 2020. Members discussed the costume estimate and options provided by ProMo Costumes. The 2021 draft budget includes the trunk. After discussion it was determined that a suitcase with wheels could be purchased for less and would make transporting the costume easier than a trunk. The funds were left in the budget but the rolling suitcase with handle will be purchased separately.

Digital Media Campaign Video Options – Members reviewed the revised Blue Sky Marketing proposal for 2021 media campaigns for Teachers, Backflow Protection videos and Water Conservation. Members agreed to keep the media campaign budget at \$20,000 which is the same amount as the 2020 budget.

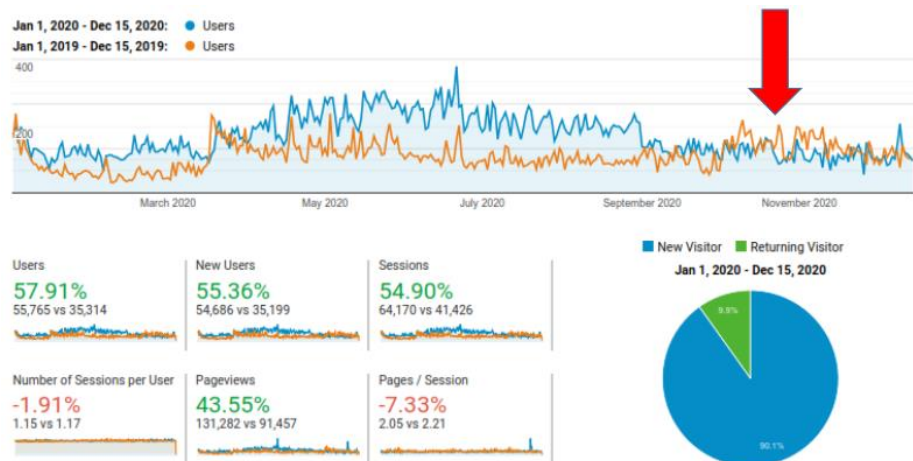
2021 Wellhead Implementation Plan Budget – Bryan St. Clair moved to approve the 2021 budget and Doug Greenlund seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for any further discussion. Hearing none he called for the vote. It was unanimous (10 ayes and 0 nays) to approve the 2021 Wellhead Implementation budget.

Next Meeting January 28, 2021 will be held via Zoom.

5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - [Program Manager's Report](#)

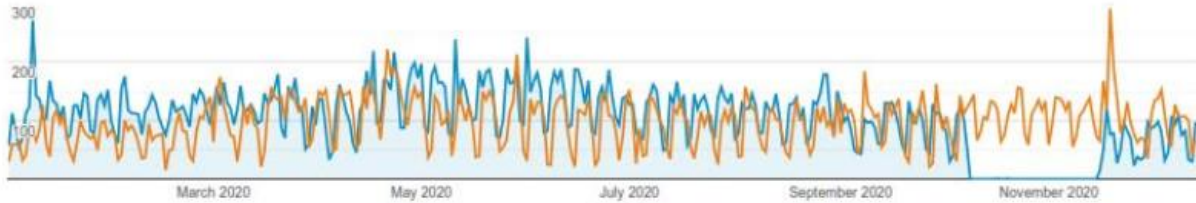
The [KSPS-PBS 4th Quarter Report](#) Services are contracted through January 31, 2020. The report detailed 60 virtual, live, and scheduled Aquifer-in-a-Cup Workshops (31) in Spokane Valley, Greenacres, Liberty Lake and Parochial schools and (26) in Spokane Public Schools reaching 1,090 students to date. KSPS produced videos for 2 booths at the [Science Fair Extravaganza](#). Social Media digital reach amounted to 94,876 impressions and 696 on air spots. A new fire hydrant backflow protection video was also produced. The report details many other ways that KSPS supports SAJB in education and awareness to protect our drinking water.

The Spokane River Forum relaunched the [Spokane Kootenai Waste & Recycle Directory](#) after a year of updates adding the recycling data base. The chart shows the 2020 data in blue and compares it to the 2019 data in orange. Users increased by 57%. The red arrow shows where the relaunch occurred, and it is expected it will take up to 6 months for Google algorithms to catch up with the changes. A media campaign will begin in Spring 2021 to promote the new recycling resources.



The [SAJB Virtual Science Fair Extravaganza](#) had 1,218 uses and 3,213 pageviews from October 1, 2020 to December 15, 2020.

In 2020, [SAJB website](#) increased sessions and users an estimated 18-20% over 2019. An exact percentage is not possible because Google analytics data was lost from early October to late November 2020. The estimate was calculated by using the 2019 data for the missing time period. The media campaigns have been effective in bringing new users to the website and promoting the teacher and water conservation resources.



Year	Sessions	Users	Pageviews
2019	34,714	22,726	55,487
2020	35,950	23,908	55,176
% increase	5.20%	5.20%	-0.56%
10/7-11/20/19	5,170	3,930	7,842
Est. 2020	41,120	27,838	63,018
Est % increase	18.50%	22.50%	13.57%

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 17th day of December 2020, President Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 2:46 PM.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Vice President, Shane Sheppard