



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2021

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 21 attended the meeting including 11 SAJB voting representatives. Others in attendance included 1 SAJB alternate voting representative, 1 non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson and 9 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 January 28, 2021. Bryan St. Clair moved to approve the January minutes and Doug Greenlund seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Doug Greenlund presented the February Financial Report

The **February WIP Bill Payment Summary** totaled \$6,325.72 as detailed in WIP check numbers 2523-2526. The February summary detailed Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$2,013.50. Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of February amounted to \$4,312.22.

Those present reviewed the bill payment summary for February. BiJay Adams moved to approve the February 2021 Bill Payment Summary as presented. Terry Squibb seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

The Spokane County Pool Balance is \$47,128.75. The Washington Trust WIP Balance is \$92,542.80. and the Washington Trust Administrative balance is \$5,939.09.

2021 Assessments Update – Treasurer Doug Greenlund thanked purveyors for sending assessment and dues checks. There are only three SAJB members whose assessments and dues have not yet been received.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Update – No Report - Tabled to March 25, 2021

Virtual Service Truck Rodeo 2/24/21 and 3/3/21 – The first IESS AWWA Virtual Service Truck Rodeo was held on 2/24/21 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Sixty people attended the virtual event and earned CEUs for the 3 courses provided. The courses focused on Backflow Protection, water conservation practices in the IWAC Irrigation and Landscape Design

Standards, and backflow videos that can be shared with customers. Bryan St. Clair said, "Great Job! All the way around!" The second session of the Virtual Service Truck Rodeo was held on March 3, 2021, with a focus on water reuse.

Ty Wick Memorial – The Ty Wick Memorial subcommittee met on February 8, 2021. Committee members include Kelly Williquette, Bryan St. Clair, BiJay Adams, Jeremy Jenkins, Tonilee Hanson, Shane Sheppard, and Terry Pickel. President Jenkins shared the subcommittee's ideas. Todd Henry suggested that the award be called the "Ty Wick Defender of the Aquifer Award". The name supports our education and outreach efforts and is a unified message with Aqua Duck, Defender of the Aquifer. The subcommittee meeting notes were sent to members and are linked [here](#).

Aquifer Protection - Gravel Pits – President Jenkins, Tim Murrell and others are researching the jurisdictions that have regulatory authority over gravel pits. Resource Extraction permits are authorized by the Department of Natural Resources and the question is who regulates the property when it is sold or stops mining? Sheri Miller at DOH was contacted for clarification of regulatory authority. Additional research is needed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Update to the Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP) – Mike Hermanson, Spokane County Water Resources Manager, reported that an update to the CWSP is being considered because the original CWSP was written in 1982 and the latest update was completed in 1999. Mike also described what the update would include, and two different approaches to accomplishing it.

The **Streamlined Approach** would be conducted by Spokane County with facilitation assistance from the WUCC chairperson and include the following:

- Update out of date elements.
- Update policies and procedures to reflect current practices.
- Review/revise boundary amendment process.
- Develop operating procedures for WUCC Executive Committee.

The **Expanded Approach** would include all of the streamlined elements but would require additional funding, from outside of the county, to hire a consultant that would facilitate the following:

- Evaluate policy & procedure options rather than just document current policy and practices.
 - Utility Service Review Procedure, Definition of timely/reasonable, appeals process.
- Evaluate Regional Resource Issues section for opportunities for additional coordination and collaboration, potentially address additional topics (i.e. regional water supply).

Discussion followed. Mike will attend the March 25, 2021 SAJB meeting to continue the discussion. Here is [Mike's power point](#) and the [video recording of Mike's presentation](#).

Aquifer in a Cup Workshops – Elizabeth Lancaster, KSPS PBS, has been conducting SAJB Aquifer in a Cup Workshops in Spokane Valley for three years. Elizabeth will now conduct all 60 workshops in both Spokane Valley and Spokane. Kristen Zimmer conducted SAJB Aquifer Workshops for over 10 years, but city of Spokane work and family responsibilities are currently demanding Kristen's full attention. We appreciate all Kristen did to make the Aquifer in a Cup Workshops so successful with teachers and students. Elizabeth was trained by Kristen and brings her own special art and enthusiasm to aquifer education. Check out Elizabeth and Kristen teaching how to [Build an Edible Aquifer](#) on the SAJB Science Fair Extravaganza. Welcome Elizabeth! Thanks also to Dawn Bayman, KSPS PBS, for maintaining and expanding our vital partnership to protect the SVRP aquifer.

Next Meeting March 25, 2021 will be held via Zoom.

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

Check out the Program Manager's report linked above to get updated on all of the following events and activities.

Education & Awareness / Media Campaign – Aquifer folders need to be printed to support the Aquifer Workshops. Spokane County has generously loaned 2 boxes (700 folders).

H2O Breakfast Sponsor Registration – H2O Breakfast is free to SAJB members. Send Tonilee an email requesting registration.



Water Resources Conservation Group recommendations will go to Spokane City Council and receive public comment in March.

HHW - Waste & Recycle Directory – As shown in the table to the right, unique users of the directory continue to grow annually by a minimum of 44% in 2017 and a maximum of 90% in 2019.

1/1-12/31	Sessions	Users	Users Annual % Increase
2015	6,697	5,415	
2016	10,279	8,926	65%
2017	15,008	12,826	44 %
2018	22,739	19,649	53%
2019	43,562	37,308	90%
2020	66,262	57,246	53%

6. OPEN FORUM

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 25th day of February 2021, President Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:15 PM.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Vice President, Shane Sheppard