



# SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 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 16 attended the meeting including 9 SAJB voting representatives, one voting alternate, and one proxy. Bryan St. Clair gave his proxy to Todd Henry. Others in attendance included 1 non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson and 5 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 March 25, 2021. Terry Squibb moved to approve the March 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 April Financial Report

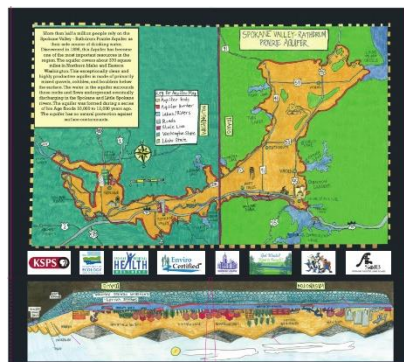
The **April WIP Bill Payment Summary** totaled \$9175.79 as detailed in WIP check numbers 2533-2537. The April summary detailed Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$5,946.50. Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of April amounted to \$3,229.29.

Those present reviewed the bill payment summary for April. Rick Neal moved to approve the April 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 \$47,236.90. The Washington Trust WIP Balance is \$112,637.53 and the Washington Trust Administrative balance is \$6,939.09.


## 3. OLD BUSINESS

**Aquifer Folders:** 12,500 Aquifer folders have been ordered from National Color Graphics 10,000 for SAJB and 2,500 for Spokane County Water Resources. Logos have been updated for Spokane County, the Waste and Recycle Directory and EnviroCertified.



**Ty Wick Defender of the Aquifer Award** – Kelly Williquette reviewed the award idea with Diane Wick. She was very happy that SAJB is designing a way to honor Ty's work for the region. Anne Francis Web Design prepared a draft [award page on SAJB](#).

Next steps include:

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1. Tonilee will send a form for Ty Wick Testimonials:
    - a. Send photos of Ty across the years to add to the website.
    - b. Send a few sentences describing how Ty impacted you personally or professionally.
  2. Testimonials will be added to the award pages on the SAJB Website.
  3. Establish the Award Review Committee.
  4. Create a simple application process.
  5. Invite the Wick Family to participate in winner selection.
  6. Announce the first annual award at the 2022 SRF Conference.

**Gravel Pits** – Doug Greenlund is working with the Department of Ecology, Shoreline Management, and the City of Spokane Valley to address questions of regulatory jurisdiction.

**Fire Hydrant Locks** – Update President Jenkins reported that Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District has finished locking all fire hydrants. Cale Hawkinson of Spokane Business and Industrial Park asked where other districts were purchasing lock. SBIP has fire hydrants with a square nut. Members reported that they purchased locks through Amazon, [Ferguson McGard](#) and direct from the factory. The king lock runs around \$80 dollars each. Paul Allen's microphone was not working so he sent the following information via email following the meeting.

*Millwood was able to order directly from [RoDon Corporation](#) for the King K3 locks. I mentioned to them that most of the water districts in Spokane area are installing hydrant locks or planning to install them. They offered to discount their price and waive shipping if they are purchased in bulk. Maybe some of the districts can go together to purchase the locks at a reduced rate. Our cost in December of 2020 was \$76.50 each with a minimum order of 101 and free shipping.*

The contact for RoDon is Natalie Duy, 630-232-1477, [sales@rodoncorp.com](mailto:sales@rodoncorp.com).  
Questions, Contact Paul Allen, City of Millwood, Public Works, (509) 924-0960, [publicworks@millwoodwa.us](mailto:publicworks@millwoodwa.us)

**2021 PCSI** – Reanette Boese requested that all PCSI lists be reviewed and returned by May 15, 2021. She extended her thanks to all who had already returned their PCSI lists.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

**City of Spokane (city) Water Fluoridation Study** - Doug Greenlund reported that the Fluoridation study would be funded by a \$4 million grant given to the city in September by the Arcora Foundation, the philanthropic arm of insurer Delta Dental. As a condition of the grant, the city will have to pay back the Arcora Foundation money if it ultimately decides not to add fluoride to its drinking water. The city wants a feasibility study completed before going forward.

**Evaluation:** Integrated Capital Management and the Water Department are just beginning work on an RFQ to select an engineering consultant to perform a study to provide 30% design to add fluoridation infrastructure to all the well stations. The study will provide a capital (financial) and operational estimate to inform City administration, council and the public in discussions going forward.

**Timing:** RFQ process is anticipated to result in selection of a consultant within 2-3 months. The study should be completed within 18 months after selecting a contractor.

**Public Dialog:** It is important that all stakeholders and decision-makers understand the impacts of going forward, so after the study is completed, there will be a thorough public discussion to decide upon the next steps.

Discussion followed. Here are a few of the comments and questions.

- Will the study look into how much fluoride will be going into storm drains, lawns and the aquifer?
- 99.5% of the fluoride will go to landscapes and only 0.5% will be consumed by customers.
- How will summer irrigation with fluoride impact water quality in the aquifer and river?
- Has anyone measured the background level of fluoride already present in the SVRP aquifer water?
- City water purveyors may want to talk to Terry Pickel CDA Water District. Terry previously worked in Cheney and at Fairchild Airforce Base and has a lot of experience with fluoridation.

**2020 Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) Water Quality Reports**– As you complete the 2020 Water Quality Reports (CCR) for your district, please send a copy to Tonilee. She will post the reports on your water purveyor page and on the SAJB home page. For those without a district website, Tonilee will send you a link to give to send to your customers so they can access the reports.

**Backflow Media Campaigns** - BlueSky Marketing aired the IWAC residential backflow video in April. The SAJB fire hydrant backflow video will be promoted in July. Rogue Heart Media has prepared drafts of 2 new IWAC videos. BiJay Adams 1) demonstrates how

easy it is to retrofit spray head nozzles and share actual water savings at LLSWD, and Terry Pickel 2) discusses the importance of residential backflow assembly maintenance with a certified backflow assembly tester. When the draft videos are finalized, they will be added to the IWAC and SAJB websites and shared on social media. Funds have not been allocated for airing the new videos on TV or in a media campaign.

**Moab Knife River Alpha SEPA Comments** – Jeremy Jenkins reported that a concrete company is trying to locate in a critical aquifer recharge area. It is in Moab's wellhead protection area and capture zone and also within a one-year time of travel to Consolidated Irrigation Districts source number 30. The original SEPA issued a determination of Nonsignificance. GeoEngineers reviewed the SEPA documents and provided a report siting issues of concern including: groundwater pumping, chemical storage, stormwater infiltration, septic system, existing wells, wastewater treatment facilities, and gravel surfaces. Below is their summary statement.

**SUMMARY**

In summary, we believe that there is rationale to be concerned that Project Alpha could impact groundwater conditions beneath and downgradient of the project location. Additionally, we believe that the SEPA documentation does not provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the project will be protective of groundwater and, specifically, the Moab Wellfield. Therefore, it is warranted for the SEPA lead agency to require additional documentation and planning related to groundwater protection. At a minimum, we believe this should initially include a Hydrogeologic Study, as described in Section 11.20.075D of Spokane County's Critical Areas Ordinance.

**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** The [SAJB Virtual Science Fair](#) Website will be promoted again in May. The graph to the right indicates that the media campaign does work. The campaign ran through March and you can see the drop off in website users in April when the campaign ended.



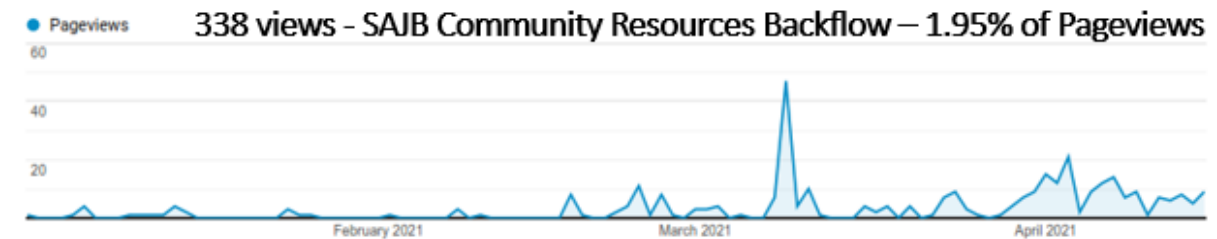
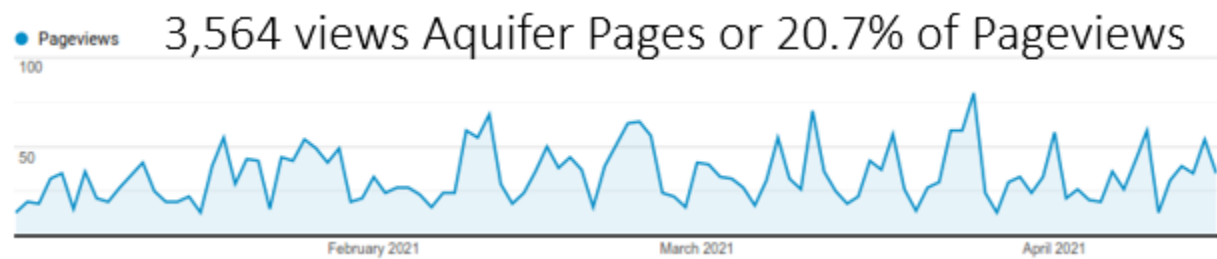
**Education & Awareness  
Virtual Science Fair**



Reanette and Tonilee are considering our first in person event in over a year. The event will be held on 6/19/21 at mobius. Reanette would teach about

the aquifer using the aquifer model and Tonilee would engage families in a hands-on activity. Reanette and Tonilee will monitor changes in the coronavirus and decide in early June whether or not we will participate.

Website statistics from January 1- April 15 are shown below.



Media Campaign 4/1/21 – 4/30/21

This data was filtered with the following filter expression: **backflow**

**HHW** – The graph below shows the Waste and Recycle Directory growth from 2015-2020. With 139,690 Users.



**View the Waste and Recycling Videos** promoted by the Spokane River Forum, the Spokane River Regional toxics Task Force and the Spokane Recycling Task Force.

- [Recycling Cart "Let Me Help You Recycle Right"](#)
- [Mercury & PCBs in Fluorescent Bulbs and Old Light Fixtures](#)
- [Paints, Adhesives, & Tile Caulks](#)
- [Printer and Toner Cartridges](#)
- [Oil, Antifreeze, & Coolants](#)

**Upcoming presentations** to share the successes of the Spokane Waste and Recycle Directory include:

- 4/26/21 SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America)
- 4/29/21 Ecology Recycling Coordinators
- 5/25/21 WSRA (WA State Recyclers Association) Conference

\*Spokane River Forum Named Non-Profit Recycler of the Year

**Next Meeting May 27, 2021 will be held via Zoom.**

**6. OPEN FORUM – None:**

## **7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021, President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

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President, Jeremy Jenkins

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Secretary, Todd Henry