



# SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2022

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 twenty (20) attended the meeting including: ten (10) SAJB voting representatives, one (1) voting alternate, one (1) non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson, and seven (7) 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 February 24, 2022. Justin VanDyke moved to approve the February minutes and Terry Squibb seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

## 2. FINANCAL REPORT

**Resolution 2022-05 Gregory Geologic – Increase Not to Exceed Amount** - Guy Gregory drafted responses to the November 2021 and March 2022 City of Airway Heights New Water Rights SEPA checklists. Guy submitted numerous public records requests to the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Airway Heights and reviewed the materials received. The funding limit for Resolution 2022-05 has been reached. A Report of Examination will be expected in 2022 and SAJB needs to be prepared to respond especially if it occurs during the SAJB construction recess. Vice President Shane Sheppard moved to raise the funding limit to \$5,000 and allow SAJB officers to adjust the limit if needed during the recess. BiJay Adams seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote and the motion passed with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

**Resolution 2022-03 Blue Sky Marketing** – Blue Sky Marketing owner, Ada Hargrove, passed away in January. Ada contracted with Phase 3 Digital for the SAJB media campaigns. Phase 3 Digital Senior Account Executive, Roger Nelson, has agreed to honor the original contract terms. SAJB members discussed the appropriate actions to make the transition to Phase 3 Digital. It was agreed that a new Resolution for Phase 3 Digital will need to be presented for a vote at the April SAJB meeting. A W-9 will also be needed for bill payment.

### Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary

Treasurer Greenlund presented the March Bill Payment Summary which totaled \$16,684.58 and was paid with checks numbered 2578-2581. The March summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00 and Wellhead Implementation Bills of \$12,754.5. The Program Manager Consulting Services including mileage and reimbursements for the month of March amounted to \$3,930.08.

Those present reviewed the bill payment summaries. Terry Squibb moved to approve the March Bill Payment Summary as submitted. Rick Neal seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Greenlund expressed his appreciation for all who paid their Dues and Assessments promptly. Only 2 member payments are still outstanding, and they have been contacted.

**SAJB Wellhead Implementation Plan (WIP) Funds**

The SAJB Administrative checking balance for March 2022 is \$7,294.85.

The SAJB WIP checking balance for March 2022 is \$126,721.55.

The Spokane County Investment Pool (WIP) balance is \$47,577.83.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**Ty Wick Award Nominations** – The Award committee met and reviewed the nominations. The winner or winners will be announced at the Spokane River Forum’s H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast. The date is May 26, 2022.

**DOH Source Water Protection Grant** has been awarded, President Jenkins and Deborah Johnson are working to re-orient some of the deliverables. Additional forms are required before funding can be released. The grant process is close to completion and the work with GSI will soon move forward to develop the risk assessment and determine possible actions to protect the aquifer.

**City of Airway Heights (CAWH) Withdrawal and Notice of New Water Rights SEPA** was received on March 3, 2022, with a deadline for comments of 3/17/22 at 4:30 pm. Below is an excerpt from SAJB comments prepared by Guy Gregory, informed by Public Records Requests of the CAWH and Ecology. CAWH did not include the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA)* in the SEPA.

*Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA), Fairchild Air Force Base and City of Airway Heights, Washington, prepared by Brice Environmental Services and AECOM Joint Venture for Air Force Civil Engineer Center and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District, dated June 2021.*

*The above document was specifically, “prepared to evaluate removal action alternatives for mitigating impacts from perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in drinking water for City of Airway Heights, Washington, in accordance with Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).” As such it should be referenced as “environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.” (Section A.8).*

*The EE/CA study evaluates 5 alternatives for addressing the contamination including “Alternative 5 – New Water Supply Well with Connection to Airway Heights Water System.” This alternative as described in the EE/CA Section 4.6.1 is quite similar, though substantially more detailed, than that described in the Threshold Determination. The EE/CA concludes that the new water supply well alternative is not preferred because of cost and (EE/CA, pg. 4-15), “the technical feasibility of acquiring easements, construction, and water rights is not likely to be straightforward and the availability of resources is uncertain.” Alternative 5 was determined (EE/CA, pg. 5-2) to be “the lowest cost alternative, but it has the highest capital cost and the highest potential impact to the environment.”*

*The EE/CA Executive Summary indicates the selected alternative, “will be documented in an Action Memorandum. FAFB (Fairchild Air Force Base) intends to initiate the Removal Action in 2022, provided all required regulatory documents, plans, and permits are approved.”*

[SAJB’s response to the 2022 New Water Rights CAWH SEPA](#) can be read in full by clicking on the link. President Jenkins reported that he checks every Wednesday to see if a Record of Examination by the WA Dept of Ecology has been released regarding the CAWH new water rights SEPA.

**2022 PCSI** – Reanette Boese sent each SAJB purveyor a spreadsheet to review that includes new and existing PCSI candidates. The Department of Revenue businesses look-up is at <https://secure.dor.wa.gov/gteunauth/#2>. Click on “Business Lookup.” The website is a good source for information especially for NAICS codes and permits. Businesses can be searched by name or address. Please return your completed analysis of the 2022 PCSI candidates to Reanette Boese by **April 15, 2022**.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**IWAC Media Campaign** – An IWAC Subcommittee reviewed media proposal and interviewed the media companies Blackbird in Coeur d’ Alene, OctoFox in Post Falls, and Treatment in Spokane. Videos have previously been produced by KSPS and Rogue Heart Media. The goal was to find a new company that could produce videos and market the videos to digital, Facebook and Instagram markets.

**Spokane River Forum H2O Breakfast** – Water Conservation the 2020 H2O Breakfast will be in-person at on of the Spokane Davenport hotels on May 26, 2022. The Speaker is Tamara Lawless from the City of flagstaff.

**Water Resources & Conservation Staff**



**Tamara Lawless - Water Conservation Manager aka Conservation Pirate**

Tamara has been with the City of Flagstaff since 2013, working on Water Conservation and Sustainability. She currently manages the Water Conservation Program staff, policies, rebate programs and public outreach events. Her passion for the environmental field was sparked in her hometown of Madison, Wisconsin where she earned a B.S. in Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin Madison. She also holds an M.S. in Environmental Education from the Expedition Education Institute and a Ph.D. in Sustainability from Arizona State University. As her appetite for adventure sometimes gets carried away, she can often be found wearing a cast or brace on one or

**Flagstaff, AZ:** <https://www.flagstaff.az.gov/31/Water-Conservation>  
<https://www.flagstaff.az.gov/4012/Water-Conservation-Strategic-Plan> Pages 27-28  
News story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltUAQZVu-nw>

**5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - Program Manager’s Report**



**EnviroCertified Renewals** - EnviroCertified businesses renew every 3 years. Due to the pandemic, businesses certified in 2018 and 2019 did receive renewal visits in 2021. 79 businesses are due for renewal visits. 9 renewals were completed from 3/10 – 3/17. The Goal is 45 renewals in 2022.



**EnviroCertified Food Recovery Recognition Program**

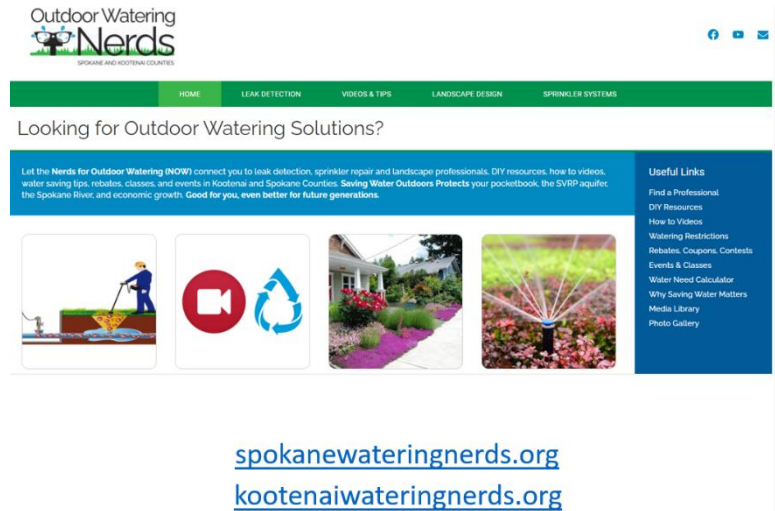
**Purpose:** To recognize Food Establishments that reduce institutional food waste by properly donating needed food resources to Spokane County hunger relief organizations, farms, or to composting.

**Recruitment Focus:** Food Establishments that participate in a voluntary Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) visit conducted by SRHD Specialists Bruce Williams and Vikki Barthels.

**Food Recovery Recognition Actions**

- Application Form Ready
- List of Food Service Establishments ready.
- Recruitment Brochure ready for printing.
- Certificate ready for printing. See next slide.
- AmeriCorps Intern hired and will start in May.
- Goal - 30 Food Recovery Certifications in 2022.

PM Hanson reviewed the **Outdoor Watering Nerds Development website**. Members requested that the Nerds website include more about Backflow Requirements clarifying that the backflow device is a required part of the homeowner’s sprinkling system. In Find a Professional add a list of Certified Backflow testers.



**6. OPEN FORUM**

Beryl Fredrickson requested information about SAJB actions to address Climate Change. Both SAJB and IWAC have avoided the politically charged language of “Climate Change” and instead focused their work on water conservation. Discussion followed. IWAC and SAJB have funded a variety of Conservation Awareness and Backflow videos that can be viewed on their websites.

The next SAJB meeting will be held on April 28, 2022.

**7. ADJOURN** There being no further business this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting. The time was not recorded.

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Secretary, Todd Henry