



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2023

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 and in person at SCWD#3. A total of eighteen (18) attended the meeting including: eight (8) SAJB voting representatives, Terry Squibb gave his proxies for Carnhope and Hutchinson to Rick Neal, two (2) voting alternate representatives, one (1) non-voting member, Program Manager Hanson, and six (6) guests. The sign-in sheet of SAJB members and guests is available upon request. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm. President Jenkins asked everyone in person and via zoom to introduce themselves.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Jeremy Jenkins called for any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes of February 23, 2023. Doug Greenlund moved to approve the meeting minutes for February. Rick Neal seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for discussion and the vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. FINANCAL REPORT

Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary

Treasurer Greenlund presented the March Bill Payment Summary for approval.

March 2023 Bill Payments totaled \$24,152.73. The March summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. Wellhead Implementation bills were paid with checks numbered 2626 – 2631. Education and Awareness bills of \$16,100.10. Program Manager Consulting Services, mileage and reimbursements amounted to \$5,940.13. Potential Contaminant Source Inventory bill of \$2,112.50.

Those present reviewed the bill payment summary. Kelly Williquette moved to approve the March Bill Payment Summary. Rick Neal seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

SAJB Fund Balances

The SAJB Administrative checking balance for March 2023 is \$5,651.41

The SAJB WIP checking balance for March 2023 is \$109,219.20

The Spokane County Investment Pool balance is \$48,226.27.

2023 Assessments and Dues – Treasurer Greenlund thanked members for paying their assessments and dues quickly. There are only two payments outstanding.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Aggregate Quarries – GSI Water Solutions Risk Assessment. The Aggregate Quarry Risk Assessment tasks funded by the DOH Source Water Protection Grant are on schedule to be completed by May 15, 2023. New areas of focus may be identified after SAJB receives and discusses the GSI report.

City of Airway Heights (CAWH) Water Rights SEPA – President Jenkins shared that CAWH issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance SEPA and is accepting comments until 4:00 pm on Monday, 3/27/23. The new SEPA includes more details about the proposed location of a new well and an additional report prepared by the Water and Natural Resources Group describing the mitigation. Members and guests had a wide-ranging discussion. President Jenkins will write a brief comment stating that the issues of concern SAJB expressed during the 2022 SEPA application process still stand.

2023 Ty Wick Award – [Award nominations](#) from Idaho and Washington close on April 3, 2023. The award will be presented at the Spokane River Forum Conference, April 26 – 27, 2023, at the Spokane Convention Center.

Spokane River Forum Conference – Registration is open, and the [Agenda](#) is available on line.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Department of Homeland Security Free Vulnerability Assessment – Steven Neal and Daniel Brown will attend the SAJB meeting on April 20, 2023, to present physical and cyber security vulnerability assessments that can protect critical infrastructure.

New Wellhead Model – SAJB’s current wellhead capture zone model was created using MicroFEM software which is no longer supported. Rick Neal, Model Irrigation District, is adding a well that needs to be added to the model. Lyddie Austin, Welch Comer, shared that a wellhead protection model is required before the well can be turned over to Model Irrigation for operation. Suggestions included looking at the nearby wells and their capture zones or using a simple circular model to establish basic capture zones. Doug Greenlund proposed that SAJB find out what it would cost to update the MicroFEM Wellhead Capture Zone Model with a new MOD FLOW model.

PFAS Monitoring – SAJB members and guests discussed PFAS testing which is already underway in some districts. The proposed maximum contaminant level (MCL) requiring action differs between EPA and the State of WA and is being reduced based on the capability of testing labs to detect the presence of the contaminant. PFAS testing will be on a 3-year cycle and on May 4, 2023, a determination will be made regarding the timing of enforcement. Public and private wells in Airway Heights, Deer Park, Cheney, and East Spokane have detected PFAS at varying levels.

Dan Sander informed SAJB of an opportunity to meet with Ken Sansone who is a Partner at SL Environmental Law Group. Ken will share a brief history of PFAS and litigation that has increased public awareness of this “forever” chemical; federal regulatory thresholds; how utilities can recover costs by shifting the burden to PFAS manufacturers; and more. A meeting was set for April 6, 2023, at 1:30 pm hosted at Spokane County Water District No. 3 in the Conference Room.

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

Education and Awareness Events Scheduled in 2023 Reanette Boese and PM Hanson will be taking turns participating in eleven (11) school and community events including Earth Day and Arbor Day. Aqua Duck is scheduled to be at six (6) of the events.

[2023 Aquifer Atlas 5th Edition](#) is now available as a flip book and downloadable PDF on the Outdoor Watering Nerds and SAJB’s websites. Print copies will be available in time for the Spokane River Forum Conference.

EnviroCertified Business Recognition – The Spokane River Forum is happy to announce that Ashley McGuire has been hired as a part-time Program Specialist to support renewal and recruitment of EnviroCertified businesses.

[Outdoor Watering Nerds](#) – The outdoor water conservation website is complete and both IWAC and SAJB are funding an ad campaign with Phase 3 Digital from April through September to drive visitors to specific sections of the Nerds website each month.

Next SAJB Meeting April 20, 2023

6. OPEN FORUM

Paul Allen – Paul’s Retirement Party was held on Wednesday March 22, 2023. Rick Neal created an amazing lamp to express his appreciation for Paul. SAJB wishes Paul the best of everything in his next phase of life. Hawaiian vacation? The shirt tells it all!



7. ADJOURN There being no further business this 23rd day of March 2023. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry