



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 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 Spokane County Water Resource Center. A total of twenty-two (22) attended the meeting including: ten (10) SAJB voting representatives, one (1) alternate voting representative, two (2) proxy votes from Carnhope and Hutchinson were given to Rick Neal, one (1) non-voting representative, Program Manager Hanson, and nine (9) guests. The sign-in sheet for SAJB members and guests is available upon request. The meeting was called to order at 1:34 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 September 28, 2023. Shane Sheppard moved to approve the meeting minutes for September. Scott Inch 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 Bill Payment Summary and financial reports for October.

October 2023 Bill Payments totaled \$7,271.25. The October summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. Wellhead Implementation bills were paid with checks numbered 2670-2672. Education and Awareness bills were \$2,611.20. Program Manager Consulting Services, mileage, and reimbursements amounted to \$4,660.05.

Those present reviewed the Bill Payment Summary. Tim Murrell moved to approve the October Bill Payment Summary. Shane Sheppard seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously. The Spokane County Investment Pool balance is \$48,899.53. The Washington Trust WIP bank account balance is \$87,753.91. The Washington Trust Administrative bank account balance is \$2,586.72.

3. OLD BUSINESS



April – October
Media Campaign

Month	IWAC \$2,000 / Month	SAJB \$2,100 / Month
April	Protect the Aquifer Story Map	Sprinkler System Checkup
May	Leak Detection	Repair and Retrofit
June	Drought Tolerant & Native Plants	Smart Controllers & Sensors
July	Calculate Water Needs	Tips to Save Water
August	Fertilizers, Pesticides & Herbicides	Calculate Water Needs
September	Drip Systems & Soaker Hoses	Backflow Protection
October		DIY and Find a Professional

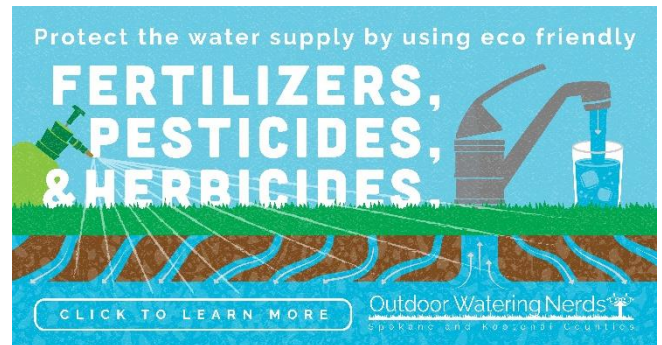
Media Campaign April - September	
Total Impressions	1,587,624
Total Clicks	9,453
Nerds Website Google Analytics	
Total Page Views	16,618
Target Page Views	11,520
Total Users	10,164



Outdoor Watering Nerds – October is the final month of the Outdoor Watering Nerds Media Campaign with a focus on DIY and Find a Professional resources. The table above summarizes the total number of impressions and clicks from the Phase 3 Digital campaign April – September. Analyzing the Outdoor Watering Nerds Website Google Analytics confirmed that the media campaign brought visitors to the targeted pages.

Definitions: **Impressions:** The number of times the ad was displayed. **Clicks:** The number of times the ad was clicked on. **Please add a link to the Outdoor Watering Nerds on your websites or Facebook pages.** <https://outdoorwateringnerds.org/>

KSPS PBS produced a new animated 20 second video for SAJB using the [Fertilizer, Pesticides, and Herbicides](#) media campaign artwork created by Hannah Walker.



4. NEW BUSINESS

KSPS PBS Work Force Careers in Water – Jason Miller shared a summary of the initiatives KSPS PBS has managed for SAJB’s 2023 Wellhead Implementation Program including aquifer education workshops; airtime for the Ty Wick Award, water conservation and aquifer protection spots; and promotion on PBS websites, Facebook and print media. Jason introduced [CareerExplore NW](#), a digital production and initiative of KSPS PBS public television. It is a free career exploration resource for youth and job seekers to discover, learn, and research careers and learn about businesses in eastern Washington and northern Idaho. The site has a total of 130 regional careers spotlighted. Jason invited SAJB members to consider funding a new focus on careers in water. KSPS PBS has also created [Virtual 360 interactive Field Trips!](#)

Spokane County Comprehensive Plan/Capital Facilities Plan and Coordinated Water System Planning Rob Lindsay, Environmental Services Administrator, has 20 years of experience in watershed and water resource planning and shared some of the past challenges and the current opportunity for water providers and Spokane County to work collaboratively. Rob introduced Scott Chesney, Spokane County Director of Planning, and Amy Sumner, Water Resources Project Manager. Scott Chesney invited water purveyors to become more involved in coordinated and long-range water use and development planning with the County. A wide-ranging discussion followed that included some of the following ideas:

- The Capital Facilities Plan has not been updated since 1999 and is outdated.
- Funding is needed to update the plan.
- The Spokane County Capital Facilities Plan needs to understand purveyor water rights and their capacity to provide water for new developments. The County cannot do a growth assessment without understanding where water is available and where it is sufficient for growth.
- Spokane County has been out of compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA) since 2005. The goal is to be back in compliance by 2025.
- GMA boundary changes can have a huge impact on water purveyors.
- The WA Department of Health no longer requires that water purveyors submit Comprehensive Water System Plans.
- Where are we going? How do we interface? Planning goes with water sources, water rights, and land available for development. How can purveyors plan for future GMA boundary changes?

Wellhead Model – Convert MicroFEM to MOD FLOW – Shane Sheppard, Dan Kegley, and John Porcello met to discuss the need for an updated model and possible funding sources. Shane proposed that the model be updated to address the impacts of climate change and population growth. Dan Kegley shared that the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative, led by President Suzanne Scheidt, is exploring ways to update the 2007 USGS Aquifer Model and that the two studies need to align. Discussion followed including options for funding updates to both models.

2024 DRAFT Budget was sent to everyone for review. Due to time constraints the budget was not discussed.

5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Due to time constraints, the Program Manager’s Report was not presented. It was sent to everyone via email. Please send any comments regarding the proposed dates for the one-day Spokane River Forum Symposium May 13 – May 31, 2024. See Below.



EXPO 2024 H2O 1-Day Symposium



Keynote: John Matthews, Executive Director of the [Alliance for Global Water Adaptation](#), is a leading climate change/water resource thinker with regional, national and international experience considering strategies and opportunities to address water resources in the era of climate change. You'll find him fascinating and his work very applicable to our region. [Read more](#)



SRF is currently selecting an event date from **May 13 through May 31**. Please let us know ASAP if any of these dates would be a conflict or particularly good.

6. OPEN FORUM

[IESS/AWWA](#) sponsored **A Day with DOH and Idaho DEQ** on November 1, 2023, from 8-4pm at Spokane County Water District #3 Office, 1225 N Yardley, Spokane Valley, WA 99212. Washington and Idaho regulators came together to provide an update on the latest policy and regulations regarding Operator Certification, Cross Connection Control, Water Facility Inventories, Responding to Water Quality Events, Lead and Copper Rule Changes, PFAS, and more.

Next Meeting November 16, 2023.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 26th day of October 2023. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:31 pm.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry