



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2024

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 District No. 3. A total of twenty-two (22) attended the meeting including: eleven (11) SAJB voting representatives, zero (0) voting alternates, one (1) non-voting representative, Program Manager Hanson, and ten (10) guests. The sign-in sheet for SAJB members and guests is available upon request. The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm. In person (17) and via Zoom (5).

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Jeremy Jenkins called for additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes of January 25, 2024. Terry Squibb moved to approve the January meeting minutes 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 was absent. President Jenkins presented the Bill Payment Summary and financial report for February.

February 2024 Bill Payments totaled \$6,374.46. The February summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. The Wellhead Implementation bill was paid with check # 2685. Education and Awareness bills were \$0.00. Program Manager Consulting Services, Mmileage, and Rreimbursements amounted to \$6,374.46.

The Spokane County Investment Pool balance is \$49,368.31. The Washington Trust WIP bank account balance as of January 31, 2024, is \$47,734.43. The Washington Trust Administrative bank account balance is \$5,017.87.

Those present reviewed the Bill Payment Summary. Todd Henry moved to approve the February Bill Payment Summary. Rick Neal seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for discussion and the vote. The motion passed unanimously. President Jenkins shared that Assessments and Dues have been received from fifteen of the twenty-one members.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Kick-off to Wellhead Protection MODFLOW Ground Water Model Update with Climate Change Analysis – John Porcello, GSI Water Solutions, discussed the data gathering process. John will send each district a data table to review and update for existing wells and to add new wells. The information requested includes the time of travel for wellhead capture zones based on importance. Purveyors are asked to designate a 1-year, 5-year, or 10-year time of travel for each well. Data columns H, I, J, and K ask for current operations and will be used for developing projections for future demand. Here is a link to [John’s presentation](#). (15:53)

DOH SWP Grant application - The SWP grant was submitted to Nikki Guillot, DOH Source Water Protection Program Manager requesting \$60,000 from DOH with SAJB matching funds of \$25,000 for a total project cost of \$85,000.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Spokane County Aquifer Protection Area (APA) Renewal and Regional Water Quality Monitoring Program – Amy Sumner Water Resources Project Manager, 509-477-7578, asumner@spokanecounty.org. Amy shared the importance of the Spokane County Aquifer Protection Area (APA) funds. Below are some of the 20-year accomplishments.

For water purveyors having an independent monitor of water quality is essential along with the aquifer education program. APA is up for renewal and SAJB members discussed the importance of educating their office staff and customers of the need to pass this vital assessment. Amy will send a flyer that purveyors can use to inform their customers via newsletters, billing inserts, and other communications.

The infographic is titled "APA Accomplishments 2004 – 2024" and is divided into two columns. The left column features an orange house icon and a photo of a classroom. The right column features a grey water drop icon and a photo of a person in a field. Each column has a title, a list of accomplishments, and a link to a groundwater monitoring page.

Water Resources Education Program	Water Quality Monitoring Program
Served 55.7K students since 2010	Routine sampling of 51 monitoring locations over the SVRP Aquifer for 21 parameters
This represents 14 of 19 Spokane County School Districts	Coordination with 12 water purveyors
60% of the students are from the 5 SDs overlying the SVRP Aquifer	Annual reporting of data and 20-yr Analysis
Since 2018 onsite education at the WRC has doubled	Groundwater Monitoring page: Groundwater Monitoring Spokane County, WA

Amy shared the [Groundwater Water Quality Monitoring Program](#) data which is available as a [full data report](#), as an [Interactive Tableau Database](#) and a [SVRP 20-Year Analysis Storymap](#). Take a look at Amy’s presentation to learn more about APA and navigating the water quality monitoring resources. [Amy’s presentation and the discussion that followed](#). (35:36)

SAJB’s March Meeting and the SRC4’s Seminar were both scheduled for 3/28/24. SAJB members decided to move the March meeting to the 3rd Thursday, March 21, 2024. SAVE THE DATE

5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Program Manager Hanson’s Report

Education and Awareness


- 2/28/24 – Service Truck Rodeo
- 3/28/24 – SRC4 Conference
- 4/20/24 – Earth Day - Central Library
- 4/21/24 – Caring for Creation - St. Al’s
- 4/24/24 – Seth Woodward Elementary
- 4/27/24 – Arbor Day & Compost Fair
- 5/21/24 – Youth Water Summit- Kootenai Fair Grounds
- 5/30/24 – Expo 50 H2O Symposium – Ty Wick Award
- 6/1/24 – Fire District 9 Demo Day
- 6/7/24 – YMCA Healthy Kids – Spokane Valley
- 6/25/24 – Touch a Truck - Hillyard Library
- 8/6/24 – Touch a Truck – Liberty Park Library


2024 Education & Awareness Events Scheduled to Date



Proactive Business Assistance

February results for business renewal and recruitment and updated goals are shown in the table below.

 Enviro Certified™	2023 Results	Jan. 2024 Results	Feb. 2024 Results	Total	2024 Goals
Food Rescue Recognitions	5	4	2	18	8
Check-in Visits	29	5		34	15
Renewals	13	6	2	21	8
New Certifications	2		1	116	7
Sold, Out of Business	3	1	0	4	0



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal – PM Hanson is working with refugee and immigrant students in the [RICS Kids Connect Program](#). Students are learning about proper waste disposal and will go on a field trip tour of the Waste to Energy Facility on 2/29/24.

The Ty Wick Award will be presented at the SRF Expo 50 H2O Symposium on 5/30/24 at the Spokane Convention Center. [The nomination form is available here](#). Who will you nominate?

Water Conservation “Nerds” Media Campaign. SAJB and IWAC will run parallel campaigns from April through September 2024. Focus areas for the campaign are listed by month for IWAC and SAJB. Click on the links below to see the videos or go to the [SAJB - IWAC Playlist](#) to see all of the available videos produced by KSPS PBS.

Month	DRAFT IWAC \$2,000 / Month	SAJB \$2,500 / Month
April	Backflow Protection	Video: Sprinkler System Checkup https://youtu.be/Ca-ELDIhTY (:20)
May	Drought Tolerant & Native Plants	Video: Repair and Retrofit https://youtu.be/8INjqgmQU0c (:20)
June	Video: Leak Detection https://youtu.be/PoWR8W-ogp8 (:20)	Video: Smart Controllers & Sensors https://youtu.be/rMJh-bxzZ3c (:20)
July	Video: Saving Water Matters https://youtu.be/Eqk9hy5EmCl (:20)	Video: Catch Can Test https://youtu.be/H_-bETBAnT8 (:20)
August	Drip Systems & Soaker Hoses	Video: Fertilizers, Pesticides & Herbicides https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQUbIYhX7Ao (:20)
September	Protect the Aquifer Storymap	Video: Backflow Protection- Blow-out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npD-x3JW5z8&t=24s (1:12)

6. OPEN FORUM

Traci Harvey, Spokane Valley Fire Department, shared that the Spokane County Fire Chiefs are working on updating Title 3 to standardize fire hydrant colors. SAJB members shared some of the many purposes for fire hydrants to vary in colors such as public and private hydrants, low flow or booster zone hydrants, archaic hydrants with different threading, and out of service hydrants. Traci will send an email with a request for additional information.

Next Meeting March 21, 2024.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 22nd day of February 2024. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:16 pm.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry