

# **SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD**

## **Meeting Minutes**

February 27, 2025 at 1:30 pm Hybrid Meeting Spokane County Water District #3 1225 N. Yardley Rd., Spokane, WA Virtual meeting connection link on next page

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Welcome and 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 #3. A total of eighteen (18) attended the meeting, including: nine (9) SAJB voting representatives, one (1) SAJB non-voting representative, Program Manager Meagan Hayes and seven (7) guests.

President Jenkins called the regular meeting of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board to order at 1:38 pm. A quorum was not present; therefore, no business actions were taken during the meeting.

b. Consideration of January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes Approval postponed until the next meeting.

## 2. FINANCAL REPORT – Treasurer Doug Greenlund

Approve Bill Payments for February 2025
Treasurer Doug Greenlund presented the bill payment summary for February, 2025.
Wellhead Implementation fund bills included:

Anne Francis Web Design, invoice 9311 for web services, \$116.10, check number 2738

MJH Consulting, invoice 2025-02 for program management services, \$3,057.13 (including \$181.57 for mileage reimbursement and \$85.56 for additional reimbursement), check number 2739

No action taken.

 Update on dues and assessments payments
Treasurer Greenlund offered appreciation to all purveyors for getting their dues and assessments submitted so quickly. Almost all purveyors have submitted their payments. February 27, 2025



#### 3. OLD BUSINESS

a. IWAC Updates - Suzanne Scheidt

IWAV President Suzanne Scheidt attended the meeting. Suzzane informed the board that IWAC is currently running a "membership drive" with new outreach materials. Suzanne also reported that IWAC is planning an aquifer training and intends to unveil this at the Spokane River Forum conference. Suzanne notified the Board that IWAC has submitted a grant proposal for \$200,000 to the Aquifer Protection District. Finally, Suzanne reported that she attended a public hearing to establish a moratorium on data centers above the aquifer, which was approved. Kootenai County has also agreed to incorporate SARA's into sensitive area requirements in the land use development code.

b. Open Government Training update (reminder – training to be completed by May 22, 2025)

A reminder about the training requirement was provided. Program Manager Meagan Hayes will send out additional reminders via email.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2025 Budget Amendment
  - i. A brief introduction to the new budget format and to the budget amendment was provided. The Executive Board will meet to continue brainstorming the amendments and present the complete amendment at the next regular meeting.

## 5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – Program Manager Report

Program Manager Meagan Hayes provided a report on recent happenings and activities. An additional request for Aqua Duck actors was presented.

## 6. OPEN FORUM

The members in attendance discussed the need to identify a volunteer to present the Ty Wick award at the Spokane River Forum conference. No volunteers at this time. Shane Shepphard informed that there is a conflict with the next regular SAJB meeting, and recommended the board consider cancelling or rescheduling.

John Porcello informed the board that the project has recently kicked off and that capture zones are currently being updated for the MODFLOW project.

Amy Sumner informed the board that the American Groundwater Trust Conference in the Northwest is being held in Spokane mid-March.

## 7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Jenkins adjourned the regular meeting of the SAJB at 2:43 pm.



President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry