



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 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-one (21) attended the meeting including: ten (10) SAJB voting representatives. Also, in attendance was one (1) voting alternate representative, Program Manager Hanson, and nine (9) 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 April 20, 2023. Shane Sheppard moved to approve the meeting minutes for April. Doug Greenlund seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for discussion and the vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. FINANCAL REPORT

Resolutions for Discussion and Approval

President Jenkins introduced **Resolution 2023-07** for a **Personal Services Agreement between SAJB and Hannah Walker** for the Outdoor Watering Nerds Media Campaign Creative Ad Designs. President Jenkins called for discussion. Program Manager Hanson shared that the approved budget allocated \$1,500 for media design. The budget was passed before designing the media campaign running from April through October. Fresh creative focused on different sections of the Nerds website is needed for each month. Hannah Walker is creating the full set of ads for \$400.00 per month totaling \$2,800. Discussion followed. BiJay Adams moved to approve Resolution 2023-07 and Rick Neal seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote. The vote was ten (10) ayes and zero (0) nays. Resolution 2023-07 passed unanimously.

President Jenkins introduced **Resolution 2023-08** for a **Personal Services Agreement between SAJB and Gregory Geologic LLC** to provide analysis and comment on the City of Airway Heights Water Rights request when the Department of Ecology submits a Report of Examination (ROE). Given that the ROE might be published during the construction season recess, SAJB needs to be prepared to respond within the 30 days allowed for comments. The Resolution establishes a not to exceed amount of \$6,000.00. Discussion followed. Todd Henry moved to approve Resolution 2023-08 and BiJay Adams seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote. The vote was ten (10) ayes and zero (0) nays. Resolution 2023-08 passed unanimously.

Administration and WIP Bill Payment Summary

Treasurer Greenlund presented the May Bill Payment Summary for approval.

May 2023 Bill Payments totaled \$13,077.40. The May summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. Wellhead Implementation bills were paid with checks numbered 2636 – 2644. Education and Awareness bills were \$7,462.75. Program Manager Consulting Services, mileage and reimbursements amounted to \$4,452.77. The Potential Contaminant Source Inventory bill was \$1,161.88. Treasurer Greenlund shared that an incorrect date of 2021 was found on the Aqua Duck Performer's invoice and will be corrected to 2023.

Those present reviewed the bill payment summary. Shane Sheppard moved to approve the May Bill Payment Summary. BiJay Adams seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

The Spokane County Investment Pool balance is \$48,398.67.

2023 Assessments and Dues – Treasurer Greenlund noted that one member's dues and assessment are outstanding.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Aggregate Quarries Risk Assessment – GSI Water Solutions Final Report. SAJB extends appreciation to DOH Source Water Protection Grant for funding the Quarry Risk Assessment, Nikki Guillot, Source Water Protection Program Manager for managing the project, and GSI Water Solutions Walt Burt, Chris Rhea, Rachel McDermott and Dan Kegley for researching and developing the technical memorandum. Here is a link to the [Preliminary Screening-Level Risk Evaluation of Aggregate Quarries to Wells in the SVRP Aquifer](#). Dan Kegley gave an overview of the GSI Approach and Methodology. Seventeen (17) quarries of interest were selected, out of the more than 100 quarries in the region, for their potential impact on the aquifer and proximity to SAJB well capture zones. Regulating agencies were researched and Table 3 on page seven (7) summarizes the findings. Conclusions and Recommendation are provided on page fifteen (15). Ecology sand and gravel permits require renewal every 5 years. One important recommendation is for SAJB to track the renewal cycle and provide comments to Ecology regarding the potential impact of gravel mines that are permitted to depths below the groundwater levels. Members discussed the presentation. Next steps will be considered when meetings begin again this fall.

2023 Ty Wick Award – The Ty Wick award was presented on April 27, 2023, at the SRF Conference. President Jenkins and Aqua Duck honored Jenny Gray, Environmental Health Specialist for the Panhandle Health District Critical Materials Program. Congratulations Jenny and thank you for your work to protect the aquifer.

New Wellhead Model – Doug Greenlund recommended that a bid be solicited to convert the 2012 MicroFem model into the latest MoD Flow format. Discussion followed.



4. NEW BUSINESS

PFAS Monitoring – Members discussed PFAS testing, a potential change to permissible limits, possible domestic sources of PFAS and the need to plan for a coordinated public awareness effort. PM Hanson will add links to [DOH PFAS](#) webpage as a resource on the SAJB website. Members will share data during the recess and identify possible next steps when meetings resume in September.

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

Education and Awareness Events. Recent events include: 4/20/23 Trentwood Elementary Science Night, 4/22/23 Doris Morrison Learning Center Grand Opening, 4/23/23 St. Al's Parish Caring for Creation, 4/29/23 Arbor Day at Finch Arboretum



Outdoor Watering Nerds – IWAC and SAJB are running parallel campaigns as shown in the chart to the right. The ads, created by Hannah Walker, are shown below for April, May, and June.

Please consider adding the Outdoor Watering Nerds to your websites.

<https://spokanewateringnerds.org/>



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	Home page	Protect the Aquifer Story Map





April Media Campaign

Funded by IWAC



Funded by SAJB



Google Analytics recorded 2.9 thousand users from April 1st to May 23rd and 4,124 page views. This is a great start to introducing the Nerds outdoor water conservation information.




May Media Campaign

Funded by IWAC




Funded by SAJB






June Media Campaign

Funded by IWAC



Funded by SAJB



Construction Season Recess June – August – Next Meeting September 28, 2023.

6. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 25th day of May 2023. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry