



# SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 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 eighteen (18) attended the meeting including: eight (8) SAJB voting representatives, Terry Squibb gave his proxy to Treasurer Henry for both Carnhope and Hutchinson, one (1) voting alternates, one (1) non-voting representative, Program Manager Hanson, and seven (7) 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 (10) and via Zoom (8).

### **Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes**

President Jeremy Jenkins called for additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes of March 21, 2024. Shane Sheppard moved to approve the March meeting minutes 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 report for April 2024.

April 2024 Bill Payments totaled \$6,363.25. The April summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. The Wellhead Implementation bills were paid with checks #2692 - 2696. Education and Awareness bills were \$1,971.42. Program Manager Consulting Services, mileage, and reimbursements amounted to \$4,391.83.

The Spokane County Investment Pool balance is \$49,604.22. The Washington Trust WIP bank account balance as of April 25, 2024, is \$134,847.86. The Washington Trust Administrative bank account balance is \$6,217.87.

Those present reviewed the Bill Payment Summary. Justin VanDyke moved to approve the April Bill Payment Summary. Todd Henry seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for discussion and the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

**MODFLOW Ground Water Model Update with Climate Change Analysis** – John Porcello and Dan Kegley were not able to attend the meeting. John sent a request to remind members to complete and submit the requested data for the model update as soon as possible. Many thanks to the eleven purveyors who have already submitted their data.

**IWAC – 2007 Aquifer Model Update Alignment with SAJB WHP Model** – IWAC President Suzanne Scheidt shared that an RFP is being drafted for updating the 2007 USGS Aquifer model. Given SAJB is conducting a similar model update in Washington, IWAC’s RFP will focus on updating the model for the Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. The RFP will seek to create a model update that is compatible with the City of Spokane and SAJB’s model updates. It is essential that all model updates can interface to accurately represent the entire SVRP aquifer. President Scheidt reported that IWAC received a grant of \$30,000 from the Kootenai County Aquifer Protection District (APD). Additional funding sources are being explored with Ecology and DEQ and IWAC is prepared to provide matching funds if needed. Dan Kegley is developing a CEU operator training for using the MODFLOW aquifer model. Training could be provided in Spokane and Post Falls. The training information will also be condensed into a 45-minute presentation (Roadshow) for elected officials and decision makers in both Kootenai and Spokane counties.

President Scheidt also shared updates about APD’s plan to draft a letter to the Kootenai County Commissioners in support of the Panhandle Health District (PHD) and the Critical Materials Program. In 2022, PHD lost regulatory authority and has had to rely on voluntary compliance with aquifer protection. APD hopes to gain support from Commissioners to restore the PHD’s regulatory authority to protect the sensitive aquifer recharge areas (SARAs). These areas in WA are referred to as critical aquifer recharge areas of (CARAs).

**DOH SWP Grant Update** – The DOH grant timeline has been approved by John Porcello, GIS Water Solutions. The project completion date can be extended to June 2025.

**Ty Wick Award – Nominations Due May 1, 2024.** One nomination has been received.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

**2024 Potential Contaminant Source Inventory** – Program Manager Tonilee Hanson shared the PCSI Letter and Insert and requested edits or updates. The PCSI mailing will occur in July.

**Applications Received for Program Manager Position** – The job description was placed on Indeed and 25 applicants have responded. Most are from out of the country and looking for highly technical program management. Two (2) applications were received through the SAJB website from applicants living in the Spokane area. The Interview Team received copies of the applications. Applicants received emails confirming that their application was received and that interviews will be held in early June. President Jenkins will lead the group and schedule interviews.

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

#### Water Conservation – Nerds Rebate Program

The Spokane River Forum (SRF) is applying for a grant from the Johnston-Fix Foundation to support a rebate program for eight of SAJB’s smallest members. The rebate would offer up to \$200 per address for installing WaterSense devices shown below.

#### River Forum and SAJB 2024 Rebate



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\$12,000 in cash rebates are available on a first-apply, first-reimbursed basis until the funds are expended. The maximum rebate per address is \$200. Rebates are available for customers of the following water providers.

- East Spokane Water District No. 1
- Irvin Water District No. 6
- City of Millwood
- Moab Irrigation District No. 20
- Model Irrigation District No. 18
- North Spokane Irrigation District No. 8
- Orchard Avenue Irrigation District No. 6
- Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17
- *Scroll to the top for rebates from other water districts.*

#### It's as easy as 1-2-3

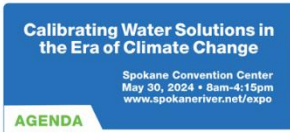
1. Purchase and install approved water saving device(s) between May 1, and October 15, 2024.
2. Take photos of the receipt(s) and installed device(s).
3. Submit the completed Rebate Form. Reimbursements will be mailed in 4-6 weeks.

View approved devices and products below.

WaterSense® Labeled Smart Irrigation Controller	+
WaterSense® Certified Efficient Rotary Head Nozzles	+
WaterSense® Pressure Regulating Spray Sprinkler Bodies	+
Battery-powered Hose Bib Timers	+

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“The time has come,” said Forum Executive Director Andy Dunau “to get to the nitty gritty of how our communities are preparing and implementing water solutions for a changing climate.”

This day is all about water and our future as a region with a sole source aquifer.

**Outdoor Watering Nerds – Water Conservation Media Campaign for May**



**6. OPEN FORUM**

Todd Henry reported that SRC4’s new website is live but still in development. The goal is to have on-line registration for training opportunities. [www.src4.org](http://www.src4.org)

**Next Meeting May 23, 2024.**

**7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 2:28 pm.

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Secretary, Todd Henry