



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 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 Liberty Lake Sewer and Water district. A total of twenty-nine (29) attended the meeting including: eleven (11) SAJB voting representatives present, three (3) proxies MEWCO, NSID and CID, two (2) voting alternates, one (1) non-voting representative, Program Manager Hanson, and fifteen (15) guests. The sign-in sheet for SAJB members and guests is available upon request. In person (20) and via Zoom (9). The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Jeremy Jenkins called for additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes of April 25, 2024. Bruce Davidson moved to approve the April meeting minutes Terry Squibb 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 May 2024.

May 2024 Bill Payments totaled \$7,075.27. The May summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. The Wellhead Implementation bills were paid with checks #2697 – 2700. Education and Awareness bills were \$5,031.30. Program Manager Consulting Services, mileage, and reimbursements amounted to \$2,043.97.

The Spokane County Investment Pool balance is \$49,725.74. The Washington Trust WIP bank account balance as of May 21, 2024, is \$127,572.59. The Washington Trust Administrative bank account balance is \$6,217.87.

Those present reviewed the Bill Payment Summary. BiJay Adams moved to approve the May Bill Payment Summary. Jeff Edgmon seconded the motion. President Jenkins called for discussion and the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Greenlund reported that he contacted Honeywell's representative, Kristen Hunt and she will follow-up on the unpaid assessment and dues.

3. OLD BUSINESS

MODFLOW Ground Water Model Update with Climate Change Analysis –Dan Kegley requested that any members who have not submitted their data for the model update send it to John Porcello as soon as possible. Please call or email Dan if you have any questions.

IWAC – 2007 Aquifer Model Update Alignment with SAJB WHP Model – IWAC President Suzanne Scheidt shared that an RFP has been drafted for the Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. The RFP will solicit proposals for a model update that is compatible with the City of Spokane and SAJB’s models. The IWAC model update will include portions of Hoodo and Spirit Valley. It is essential that all model updates can interface to accurately represent the entire SVRP aquifer. IWAC will review the RFP in June. Phase 1 of the IWAC model update is estimated to cost \$40,000 to 50,000. IWAC received a grant of \$30,000 from the Kootenai County Aquifer Protection District (APD) and will apply for a Source Water Protection grant from DEQ. The DEQ grant application deadline is June 30, 2024. IWAC will provide matching funds as needed.

Program Manager Applications Next Steps - President Jenkins will follow-up with the applicants and set up interviews. The closing date is August 1, 2024. It is expected that the interview team will select a finalist who will be presented to the members for a vote at the SAJB meeting on September 26, 2024.

EXPO 50 H2O Symposium and Ty Wick Award The Spokane River Forum’s EXPO 50 H2O Symposium, May 30, 2024, is sold out with 270 people registered. President Jenkins will present the Ty Wick Award to the 2024 winner after lunch at the Spokane Convention Center.

4. NEW BUSINESS

DOH Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Tonilee Hanson - Brenda Smits, Eastern Regional Planner, Office of Drinking Water (ODW) WA Department of Health (DOH), nominated Tonilee Hanson for the Lifetime Achievement award and Marcus Goodman, Eastern Regional Manager, ODW DOH presented the award. Scott Mallery and Sheri Miller DOH ODW were also in attendance. Guests via Zoom included Tonilee’s children Paul Hanson and Jessica Cargile, and friend Nyla Arslanian. Tonilee was honored to receive the recognition and expressed her gratitude for the SAJB and IWAC members who have made her work, over the past 12 years, a truly joyful experience. Tonilee also recognized the lifetime commitment of so many others who work every day to deliver safe drinking water to their communities.

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


Water Conservation – Nerds Rebate Program

The Spokane River Forum’s (SRF) grant request to support a rebate program for eight of SAJB’s smallest members was not funded. SRF is willing to manage a rebate program for all SAJB members if they fund the rebate. The Outdoor Watering Nerds website will continue to manage a rebate page. Please send any changes to your rebate program to PM Hanson for updating on the Nerds website.

Outdoor Watering Nerds – Water Conservation Media Campaign April GREAT Results

Nerds Media Campaign April

IWAC




Impressions	151,782
Clicks	908
CTR	0.60%
Google	1,312

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SAJB

Video



Impressions	117,948
Clicks	1,224
CTR	3.34%
Thru Play	3,795
Google	1,163

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Definitions: **Impressions:** The number of times the ad was displayed. **Clicks:** The number of times the ad was clicked on. **CTR (Click Through Rate):** The number of clicks divided by the number of impressions. (Facebook Average 0.05% - 0.20%) (Display Average 0.05% - 0.12%)

Outdoor Watering Nerds – Water Conservation Media Campaign for June 4, 2024

Nerds Media Campaign

IWAC

June



SAJB

June

Video



Spokane County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) PM Hanson represents SAJB and Public Interest on the SWAC. SWAC members toured Barr-Tech Compost Facility on May 15, 2024. Also, at the May meeting SWAC members approved a letter to the Board of County Commissioners requesting funding for a comprehensive litter and illicit dumping control program.

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Proactive Business Assistance



Take 5 Oil Change on N. Sullivan and Newport Hwy.

May 22, 2024, 5 Stars Certified



On Friday May 24, 2024, PM Hanson will conduct a certification visit with the Levy Restaurant Group for both Restaurant and Food Rescue Certifications. Levy manages five event centers in Spokane: First Interstate Center for the Performing Arts, Spokane Arena, Spokane Convention Center, The Podium and One Spokane Stadium.

Tonilee and her daughter Jessica had an amazing vacation in Venice and Tuscany, Italy. We took classes in making pizza, pasta and gnocchi and the water in Tuscany was delicious.



6. OPEN FORUM - NONE

June – August Construction Season Recess. Next Meeting September 26, 2024.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business this 23rd day of May 2024. President Jeremy Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry