

SAJB Officers: President Jeremy Jenkins, Vice President Shane Sheppard,
Secretary Todd Henry, Treasurer Doug Greenlund



SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Spokane County Water District #3

1225 N. Yardley Rd., Spokane, WA & Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions

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 twenty-two (22) attended the meeting including: ten (10) SAJB voting representatives, Retiring Program Manager Tonilee Hanson, onboarding Program Manager Meagan Hayes, and ten (10) guests. Fourteen (14) attendees participated in person, the remaining participated via Zoom. The sign-in sheet is available upon request.

President Jenkins called the regular meeting of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board to order at 1:37pm. President Jenkins welcomed everyone and requested introductions of attendees.

Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes

President Jenkins called for additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes of September 26, 2024. Doug Greenlund moved to approve the September meeting minutes as presented; Terry Squibb seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. FINANCAL REPORT

Approve Bill Payments for October 2024

Treasurer Greenlund presented the Bill Payment Summary for October totaling \$11,175.70. The October summary detailed SAJB Administration bills of \$0.00. The Wellhead Implementation Program (WIP) bills were paid with checks #2719-2723. Education and Awareness bills were \$5,327.50. Program Manager Hanson's Consulting Services, mileage, and reimbursements amounted to \$5,848.20. Program manager Hayes's Consulting Services and mileage amounted to \$930.65. A motion was made by Justin VanDyke to approve the October bill payments; Scott Inch seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer Greenlund informed the Board that the Administrative account is low on funds. Treasurer Greenlund anticipates an increase in membership dues will be required to cover the increased cost to manage the board, including insurance. In general, 2024 total expenditures exceeded revenues, but were covered due to overall carryover within the



fund from previous years. Treasurer Greenlund will provide a more formal presentation of the numbers at the next regular meeting.

Revised Resolution 2024-06 Program Manager Meagan Hayes DBA MJH Consulting

President Jenkins presented the revised resolution for consideration by the Board. The resolution is proposed to be revised to reflect the correct name. Additional change includes the dates to reflect the new approval date. A motion was made by Terry Squibb to approve Revised Resolution 2024-06 as presented; Doug Greenlund second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

UIC Discussion – Brian Johnson & John Bhend (Department of Ecology)

Department of Ecology (Ecology) Water Quality staff from headquarters attended the meeting virtually to continue the discussion on the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program that the Department of Ecology manages.

The Board shared questions and concerns with Ecology staff, including:

Reanette Boese inquired about the notification process when a new UIC is proposed. Ecology confirmed that the purveyor is notified when the folks accurately complete the UIC process; however, that process is not always adhered to. Purveyors are identified using the Washington Department of Health Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Mapping Tools, although these tools are not always accurate representations.

Reanette Boese requested clarification on the purpose of the letters being sent. Ecology indicated that on most of the UIC's (those less than 20 feet), the purpose of the process is to ensure Best Management Practices (BMPs) are being utilized, such as basic stormwater treatment before it reaches the UIC.

President Jenkins inquired about any opposition Ecology might be experiencing regarding this program. Ecology staff indicated there is not much in the Spokane area. Additionally, Ecology has noticed that applicants are proactively submitting strong applications to ensure an expedient review process.

Corey Olsen inquired about how many UIC applications are being denied. Ecology stated that there have been a “couple” of denials recently, mostly due to lack of separation from exiting wells.

Additional information can be found here:

[Underground injection control program - Washington State Department of Ecology](https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/guidance-technical-assistance/underground-injection-control-program)¹
[Source Water Assessment Program \(SWAP\) Mapping Tool | Washington State Department of Health](https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/drinking-water/source-water/gis-mapping-tool)²

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/guidance-technical-assistance/underground-injection-control-program>

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MODFLOW Ground Water Model Update with Climate Change Analysis

President Jenkins informed the Board that the grant from the Department of Health has been authorized and a draft contract was received in the previous week. There are adjustments being made to the draft contract, but President Jenkins anticipates signing the grant agreement in the coming weeks. Consultant John Porcello offered to assist in the review of the deliverable dates and offer additional insight. The grant awarded is \$60,000.

Program Manager Hanson informed the Board that a new Project Manager, Chelsea Cannard, has been assigned to this grant, effective November 1.

IWAC 2007 USGS Model Update and IWAC Secretary - President Suzanne Scheidt

IWAC President Suzanne Scheidt attended the meeting to provide an update to the Board. Scheidt reported that IWAC has received grant funding for the first phase of the USGS aquifer update. Phase one is essentially data gathering phase and will be on the Idaho side of the aquifer only. As consultants collect data, IWAC will begin seeking grant funding for phase two.

Aquifer Protection District (APD) is evaluating the sensitive aquifer recharge areas (SARAs) within the Rathdrum prairie area. They have been identified, now the intent is to use the incoming aquifer model to assist in identifying particle transport within those SARAs.

A Critical Materials ordinance for Kootenai County has been unanimously approved by the Kootenai County Planning Commission. The Ordinance will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on November 12, 2024.

Rob Lindsey is retiring. IWAC is looking for a Washington State representative to serve as the secretary. If any board members are interested and available, they should reach out to Scheidt.

Scheidt inquired about the September meeting minutes, specifically regarding Hanford moving nuclear waste through Spokane.

4. NEW BUSINESS

New Program Manager

The new Program Manager, Meagan Hayes (DBA MJH Consulting) was in attendance and introduced herself to the board. Meagan has begun training and participated in the Mullan Road Elementary School event and the Fall Leaf Festival, as well as general training with retiring Program Manager Tonilee Hanson.

KSPS 2024 Report

Jason Miller with KSPS attended the meeting to provide an Aquifer Outreach and Education Partnership 2024 Report to the board. In 2024, over 1,400 students were engaged through 66 workshops at 10 schools and 4 summer camps. Additionally, a new event called "Future Day" was attended. Additionally, KSPS creates commercials for SAJB, which play on various channels at various times to capture the broadest audience. Most recently, a

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new commercial has been developed, which is [available to watch on YouTube](#)³. of package received approximately \$152,600, where SAJB has invested \$40,000.

2025 Draft Budget Discussion

Program Manager Hanson presented the draft 2025 budget, as well as offered a reminder on the review and approval process. Hanson discussed areas of interest that need additional board consideration, including: the Ty Wick award advertising budget, the Nerds Media Campaign, and the Education and Awareness budget. The Ty Wick advertising campaigns have not been successful and may not be a valuable use of resources. The Nerds Media campaign was previously partnered with IWAC; however, given IWAC's 2025 budget, they will not be able to participate. The Education and Awareness budget item may benefit from further breakdown and separation of expenses to improve transparency.

Hanson reported that additional information and numbers will be presented at the regular November meeting, with approval occurring in December.

5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Hanson provided the Board with a comprehensive update on recent activities. Recently, Hanson and Hayes participated in the Mullan Road Elementary School Science Night and the Fall Leaf Festival at Finch Arboretum. Hanson also reported that 2024 EnviroCertified results are far exceeding expectations. Total currently certified is 141. Hanson also reported on the Nerds Media Campaign.

6. OPEN FORUM

No other business was presented.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:28 pm.

President, Jeremy Jenkins

Secretary, Todd Henry

³ <https://youtu.be/UyX27egscb0?si=ibGcJSwP3X9QTwuk>