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Our Water. Our Future.

The Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) works to maintain and enhance water quality and quantity for present and future generations by developing management strategies which benefit the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and the Spokane River watersheds.

January 10, 2017, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District  
Representatives Present

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√	<b>City Idaho Water Engineering</b>	Bob Haynes	bob@idahowaterengineering.com
	<b>Guests</b>		
√	City of Spokane Valley	Henry Allen	
√	Spokane County Water Resources	Reanette Boese	

**AGENDA**

**Welcome and Introductions** – Vice President (VP) Terry Pickel opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and conducted introductions.

**Financial Report** –Treasurer, Ron Wilson was absent but sent the financial report showing a previous balance of \$25,810.49. Deposits of \$10,000 from Kootenai County, \$5,000 from the City of Spokane and \$5,000 from Spokane County Stormwater were reported for the video production project. Expenses 12/20/16 were \$735.68 for Bob Haynes Facilitation paid to Idaho Water Engineering, LLC. Ending Balance as of 1/10/17 amounted to \$54,740.81. An invoice was received in the amount of \$167.50 from Anne Francis Web Design for website technical assistance, dated from 9/1/16 to 12/4/16. The invoice will be sent to Treasurer Wilson for payment. Spokane County Water Resources committed \$5,000 for the video project and the payment is in Spokane County’s approval process. [Download Treasurer’s report](#). Annual assessments will be sent in January.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** – VP Terry Pickel called for any additions or revisions to the [Minutes for December 13, 2016](#). Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Old Business**

**Trademark slogan - Our Water. Our Future.** VP Pickel called for a motion to approve trademarking the slogan, “Our Water. Our Future.” Todd Henry moved to proceed with the trademarking process and Mike Galante seconded the motion. VP Pickel called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**IWAC Videos 6 KSPS Scripts – Review.** Mike Galante asked if members liked the KSPS game show concept and if there were suggested edits to the scripts. Those present generally liked the game show format and provided the following suggestions

- Use both Idaho and Washington landmarks (i.e., CDA boardwalk and lake; Post Falls Dam with water flowing; Spokane Falls; Lake Pend Oreille; Spokane Clock Tower; the Bowl and Pitcher with rafters and other Spokane River access points with kayakers.)
- Reorganize the topics to reduce redundancy and use the idea of game categories.
- The most important issues to cover in a 30 second spot are:

- fix leaking cars,
  - use the car wash or wash your car on the lawn
  - pick up dog waste
  - don't fertilize the sidewalk, driveways and streets
  - clean leaves and debris from storm drains
  - install EPA Water Sense approved faucets, toilets and fixtures
- On Thursday, January 12, 2017 scripts were updated with these suggestions and sent out to everyone for a final round of comments. [Down load revised video scripts.](#)
  - Send additional comments to Mike Galante by Wednesday 1/18/17

**Water Conservation and Efficiency Next Steps - Working Session** - The discussion focused on measurable actions that could be taken regionally and are briefly summarized below.

- Adopt a region wide policy of “No Watering between noon and 6:00 pm”
- Conservation Plan Template: There is no standard template for water purveyor's conservation and efficiency plans. IWAC could decide which goals and measures are set as a framework for voluntary and/or mandatory conservation guidelines. Rob Lindsay suggested that the City of Spokane's conservation and efficiency plan could serve as the foundation of an IWAC template.
- Focus regionally on watering practices in parks, cemeteries and golf courses. AgriMet or other SMART controllers such as ones sold at Lowes and Home Depot could make an improvement in water application.
- Rebates and incentives for smart controllers, shower timers, other water saving devices and phosphate free fertilizer have not been effective. Few customers engage in the incentive program. Even tiered rates have been ineffective with some customers who will pay higher rates to keep their lawn green. People liked the wildflower and native flower seed give aways but even this program ended with lots of seed packages unused.
- Establish irrigation design criteria and standards. Work with municipalities to require certification of irrigation system installers. Use EPA Water Sense products.
- Propose changes to the building codes which require mandatory green spaces with developments. There is no manpower to maintain the green spaces and watering is not adjusted for weather conditions.
- Select the areas of focus, create a unified front with all the large water systems; get press coverage and engage the elected officials in the regional water goals.
- Educate all systems to use an inclining cost tiered rate. The wrong message is sent to the public when customers pay less as they use more water. Use more...pay more.

### **New Business**

Future Speakers – BiJay Adams will prepare a presentation for the February 14<sup>th</sup> IWAC meeting on irrigation design standards and sample ordinances.

### **Updates Around the Table**

Rick Neal, Model Irrigation District, reported that SRC4 will hold their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar on February 23, 2017 at the Spokane Memorial Arena and the Service Truck Rodeo on March 14, 2017. A session on hydrants is being offered.

Jeremy Jenkins and BiJay Adams, LLSWD, reported on consolidation with East Side Liberty Lake Improvement Club (ESLLIC). The consolidation made it possible to get a consolidation loan that will repair aging infrastructure and reduce the expenses for the 300 ESLLIC connections.

Monica Ott, City of Post Falls, reported that the city is considering an ordinance for lawn sprinkling design.

Kelly Williquette and Ty Wick, SCWD3, have applied for a consolidation loan for SCWD3 systems 1 and 2. SCWD3 also drilled a replacement well.

Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Water Resources, mentioned the rural challenges being faced for obtaining water rights in the Little Spokane watershed based on the recent Hirst decision by the WA State Supreme Court. Spokane county is seeking water rights. In the education area SCWR will again partner with West Valley Outdoor Learning Center, East Valley School District 5<sup>th</sup> grade environmental camp at Liberty Lake and Mead School District 5<sup>th</sup> grade environmental camp at Bear Lake. Together these initiatives provide water education for thousands of school children.

Terry Pickel, City of Coeur d'Alene, said that the city is conducting a rate study this year and considering inclining rates for commercial customers. Also, WETRC will host the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual [Washington Operator Workshop](#) (WOW) conference, March 20-22 at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, WA. WOW is the largest workshop in the Pacific Northwest designed specifically for operators by operators. Sessions are designed for Water and Waste Water operators. Facility tours will be offered.

Tonilee Hanson reported that the Spokane River Forum will hold the [H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast](#) on Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Lincoln Center 1316 N. Lincoln St. Spokane, WA 99201. The keynote speaker is [Craig Mackey](#), Co-Director, Protect the Flows, The Business Voice for the Colorado River.

**Planning for February 14, 2017** – Presentation by BiJay Adams on Irrigation Design Standards and sample Ordinances. Andy Dunau, SRF, will speak about the H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast.

**Handouts printed or sent via e-mail:** IWAC Agenda, IWAC December Meeting Minutes and KSPS Draft Video Scripts. Previous IWAC meeting agendas, minutes, supporting documents and presentations can be found at <http://www.iwac.us/category/meetings/>.

### Adjourn

There being no further business this 10th day of January 2017, VP Pickel adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

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Vice President Terry Pickel

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Secretary, Rob Lindsay