



## IDAHO WASHINGTON AQUIFER COLLABORATIVE

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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 12, 2021 1:35 – 3:15 PM, via Zoom  
Representatives Present

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## AGENDA

**Welcome and Introductions** – President Terry Pickel called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

**Agenda Additions or Revisions** – No changes were requested.

### New Business

**Welch Comer Contract - Kootenai County Water Providers Service Area Map** – Ashley Williams did the initial mapping of the Kootenai County Water Purveyors in 2013. Welch Comer works with most of the water districts and has current boundary information or will gather updates. Ashley will use information from IDWR irrigation district layers and the Tax Commission for water & sewer districts and city limits. This information will be cross referenced with DEQ purveyor lists with the exception of very small districts having only 5-10 connections. The RAFN boundaries were discussed and Reanette Boese shared that on the Washington side she asks the individual purveyors which boundaries they prefer to use (service area or growth area). The time frame was also discussed. Ashley indicated that she would begin working on the data as soon as the contract was authorized. The goal will be to have a draft of the map ready for review before IWAC's meeting on March 9, 2021.

The contract was reviewed and discussed by the members. Dan Kegley moved to approve the contract with Welch Comer for updating the Idaho Water Purveyors service area map. Todd Henry seconded the motion. President Pickel called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for December** – President Pickel called for additions or corrections to the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by consensus.

**Financial Report** – Treasurer Ron Wilson sent the Treasurer's 2020 Year End Report. President Pickel presented the report which included check #3783 for \$39.00 to Anne Francis Web Design and check #3784 for \$80.00 to USPS P.O. Box #1822 renewal. The Mountain West Checking Account statement balance as of 12/31/20 was \$21,062.13 and the year-end balance is \$20,943.13. Members approved the financial report by consensus.

## Old Business

**2020-2021 DEQ Source Water Protection Grant** – Irrigation & Landscape Guidebook mailing was completed on 12/16/20 with the exception of 8 addresses that were incorrect or incomplete. The Webinar Series can be developed based on the existing Roadshow and Technical Assistance workshops. It was suggested that a subcommittee may be needed to manage the series. Also, under consideration is whether or not to have the webinars live on Zoom or only recorded and offered on the website. Terry Pickel and BiJay Adams will do a one-hour workshop for the Virtual Service Truck Rodeo on 2/24/21. The workshop is being offered for CEU credit and if recorded could complete the first webinar in the series.

The [Our Gem Speaker Series](#) could offer a model for the IWAC webinars. Rebecca Stevens shared that she is happy to assist us along with Marie Schmidt at University of Idaho Extension. The Our Gem Collaborative Speaker Series features water and development experts from around the state. The second series runs Jan. 26 through Feb. 4, 2021 on Zoom. All webinars run from 12:00 -1:00 pm. Register at the links below.

- Jan. 26, 2021 – [Stormwater Outfall Reduction Plans](#) - Chris Bosley (City of Coeur d'Alene)
- Jan. 28, 2021 – [Mitigation of the Loss of Cultural Resources Caused by the Post Falls Dam](#) - Peter Mahoney (Coeur d'Alene Tribe)
- Feb. 2, 2021 – [Atlas Waterfront Project](#) - Hilary Anderson (City of Coeur d'Alene) and Phil Boyd (Welch-Comer)
- Feb. 4, 2021 – [Natural Resource Restoration at Gray's Meadow](#) - David Leptich (Idaho Fish and Game)

**IWAC Facebook & Instagram** – Henry Allen is assisting Dan Kegley with IWAC Facebook and Instagram posts. Dan and Henry requested that members provide ideas and guidance about what content should be posted on the social media platforms. Tonilee Hanson suggested that the IWAC website has a wealth of materials that could be shared such as videos, information on area lakes, and the IWAC Irrigation Design Standards. Todd Henry offered the assistance of Catherine Cronin, who manages the social media for Vera Water and Power. Boosting was discussed as a way to increase the audience. It was suggested that a budget for boosting social media posts be approved. Sharing posts from partners and like-minded organizations was suggested as another way to increase the audience. IWAC Secretary, Rob Lindsay and other members expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation for Dan and Henry taking on the challenge of IWAC's social media.

**Service Truck Rodeo** – Dan Kegley will host the Virtual Service Truck Rodeo on 2/24/21 and 3/3/21. On 2/24/21 Terry Pickel and BiJay will present the Irrigation and Landscape Design Standards from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Backflow Education session from 10:40 to 11:40 a.m. will highlight IWAC, SAJB, LLSWD and City of Spokane video clips and media campaigns.



### 2021 Virtual H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast – March 31, 2021 8:00 – 9:30 am

**Keynote Speaker** - [Diane Taniguchi-Dennis](#), CEO of [Clean Water Services](#) in Washington County Oregon has been confirmed. Diane is a leader in the development of the [One Water Roadmap](#) created by the US Water Alliance. In addition to the keynote there will be three 7 to 10-minute presentations with a **Focus on Regional Stewardship**.

1. Celebrating Rural Water Planning in Little Spokane River – Rob Lindsay & Mike Hermanson
2. City of Spokane Sustainability Program: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature: Integrating Water, Wastewater and Energy for the Urban Ecosystem – TBD (Cadie Olsen, Marlene Feist and Spokane Public Works)
3. IWAC/SAJB Water Conservation Goals and Efficient Irrigation & Landscape Design Standards

IWAC members discussed the following questions:

- ***What water stewardship, waste reduction and conservation themes do IWAC and SAJB want to emphasize?***
  - Ideas included: 30% reduction goal, need for conscious effort, focus on wasted water, changing mandatory green space requirements, HOA and CCRs requiring manicured lawns, collective stewardship throughout the ecosystem, cost of new infrastructure to meet peak summer water demand, replacing lawn with native plants saves time for enjoying the region's natural resources. SAJB members will also provide input on the content at their meeting on 2/28/21.
- ***Who will deliver the remarks?*** Tonilee will assist with developing the presentation slides.
  - Members felt that an Idaho representative should deliver the remarks because the other two Regional Stewardship presentations are focused on Spokane County. Terry Pickel is willing to be the spokesperson for IWAC.

### New Business (Continued)



Tonilee Hanson shared that IWAC is a member of the [Source Water Collaborative](#) (SWC) and one of 29 national organizations, including federal, state, and local partners that are all working together to protect America's sources of drinking water. Tonilee attended the Virtual SWC Quarterly Meeting on 12/16/20. The list of other collaboratives and IWAC's SWC fact sheet will be sent to members. The Source Water Collaborative has a variety of resources available on the Quick Tools tab at <https://sourcewatercollaborative.org/about/> which includes:

- Learning Exchange
- How to Collaborate Toolkit
- Connect with Others
- Conservationists (Focus on agriculture land use in the watershed.)

**Membership** – Dan Kegley, IWAC Past President, asked members to discuss the status of his membership as a retired water district manager. The bylaws indicate members are entities. Cadie Olsen and Craig Borrenpohl felt that anyone who has served as an IWAC Officer should be given emeritus member status. Henry Allen expressed interest in becoming a member as an individual not representing an entity. Tonilee suggested that the bylaws have not been reviewed since 2013 and it would be important to review the bylaws at the February meeting and consider membership or other possible changes. Tonilee will send the bylaws to everyone for review. Rob Lindsay expressed support for modifying the by-laws to expand membership.

### Updates Around the Table:

**Todd Henry** shared that **Vera Water and Power** approved their annual budget and transition/training is continuing with the Enterprise software.

**Chris Beard, Ecology**, shared that unseasonably warm weather and reduced snowpack is raising concerns for 2021 water resources near Wenatchee.

**Henry Allen, City of Spokane Valley**, said that construction and development is still going on due to the mild and wet (La Nina) winter.

**Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Environmental Services**, shared that watershed planning, funded by a grant from the Department of Ecology, is continuing. Watershed Planning for the Little Spokane River began in the late '90s and is a success story to be celebrated. Other areas of focus are Eloika Lake and Saltese Flats restoration.

**Craig Borrenpohl, Post Falls** is drilling a new well and rehabilitating an existing well. Pump installation is delayed. Intertie agreements are being discussed as an alternative to installing new trunk lines and a system for a discontinuous service area. Craig gave a shout out to IWAC for building the relationships that allow water systems to work together.

**Jim Ekins, UI Extension**, had to leave the meeting early but emailed information about upcoming water related educational events. "Community Gatherings" is the webinar series that [The River Mile](#) is developing. Jim will present the Clean Water Act on March 24, 2021 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm and a live IDAH<sub>2</sub>O Master Water Stewards two-part training on Feb 23 and March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm. [Register here.](#)

**Terry Pickel, City of CDA**, a new well house is 90% complete and the well should be on-line by July 2021. A second segment of transmission main is on hold awaiting approval from the Department of Transportation. A new 3,700 homes development on 11,000 acres near Ross Point is well underway. A new test well is being drilled.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business this 12th day of January 2021, President Pickel adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

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President Terry Pickel

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Vice President, BiJay Adams

**Handouts sent via e-mail:** IWAC Agenda, IWAC December 2020 Meeting Minutes. Previous IWAC meeting agendas, minutes, supporting documents and presentations can be found at <http://www.iwac.us/category/meetings/>.