



## 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.

February 9, 2021 1:33 – 2:56 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.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for January** – President Pickel called for additions or corrections to the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by consensus.

**Financial Report** – Treasurer Ron Wilson presented the financial report. There were no accounts payable or receivable for January. The Mountain West Checking Account statement balance as of 1/31/21 was \$20,537.59 Upcoming items included sending invoices for membership renewal and IWAC 2020 Tax Filing by Anderson Brothers CPA. Tonilee Hanson acknowledged receiving an invoice from Anne Francis that had not yet been forwarded to Treasurer Wilson. Members approved the financial report by consensus.

## Old Business

**IESS AWWA 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Truck Rodeo** – Dan Kegley will host the Virtual Service Truck Rodeo on 2/24/21 **Backflow/Water Quality** and 3/3/21 **Reuse/Regulate**. A practice session is scheduled for February 18, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. CEUS are available. Registration fees are \$30 for AWWA Members per morning, or \$50 for both days and \$15 for non-certified members. Invite your office staff to learn all things water. For 3 or more attending, provide a moderator for the group to take attendance, record certification numbers and record polling questions during classes. The moderator will receive CEUs at no charge! Please [register](#).

**IWAC Facebook & Instagram** – Past President Dan Kegley reported that engaging in social media for IWAC has been interesting and his skills are expanding thanks, in part, to his wife Maura's assistance.



## 2021 Virtual H<sub>2</sub>O Breakfast Agenda – March 31, 2021 7:45 – 9:30 am

7:45 Login

8:00 Welcome- Andy Dunau, Spokane River Forum Executive Director

8:15 Keynote Speaker - Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, Chief Executive Officer, Clean Water Services

8:50 Regional Water Reports

- **Host** - Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Water Program Manager and SRF Board Member
- **Integrating Rural Water Needs** - Mike Hermanson, Spokane County Water Resources Manager
- **Regional Water Conservation Best Practices** - Terry Pickel, Coeur d'Alene Water Department Director, and Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative President
- **2nd Nature: Integrating Water, Waste and Electricity in the Urban Ecosystem** - Catherine Olsen, Director of Sustainability, City of Spokane

9:30 Adjourn

The cost is \$25 per person except for sponsor organizations. IWAC is a sponsor so members can participate for free. Registration will open soon.

### New Business

**By-Laws Membership** - Members briefly reviewed the membership language in the IWAC By-Laws. IWAC Past President, Dan Kegley recommended that there be a comprehensive review of the By-Laws. IWAC Secretary, Rob Lindsay offered to work with Dan to conduct the review and send recommendations to the members for discussion at the March 9, 2021 meeting.

**2021 Budget and Social Media Boosting** – The 2021 budget review was tabled until March 9, 2021 to give members time to review the draft budget and consider additional media campaigns or initiatives for 2021.

[Our Gem Speaker Series](#) - This series of Our Gem Speakers has completed. Recordings are available of both the Fall and Winter Speakers. Tonilee Hanson highly recommends each topic. The presentations were interesting and informative.

**City of Spokane Water Resources Conservation Group (WRCG)** – Tonilee Hanson is participating in the WRCG on the Residential committee. She provided an overview of the residential outdoor recommendations that are being prepared for presentation to the Spokane City Council on March 1, 2021. Recommendations include strategies based on the Spokane Water Department Master Plan and the IWAC Efficient Irrigation and Landscape Design Standards with suggestions for reducing wasted water by 25%. Discussion followed. Concerns were raised that the WRCG recommendations would strain existing Water Department funding. The infrastructure needed to deliver water to consumers during summer peak demand is not covered by existing water rates. Summer peak demand requires 3-4 times the number of wells and booster stations than are required in winter months. Exporting (selling) water out of the SVRP aquifer basin is a concern that Washington purveyors hope they do not have to confront. The Kootenai County IDEQ Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan (CAMP) restricted the sale of water out of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, so that is not a concern for Idaho purveyors.

**Ty Wick Memorial** Bryan St. Clair, BiJay Adams, Jeremy Jenkins, and Tonilee Hanson met on 2/8/21. BiJay Adams suggested creating a Ty Wick Water Stewardship Award as part of the public outreach and education of SAJB aquifer protection initiatives. The annual award could go to a wide variety of individuals and organizations based on their stewardship of the SVRP aquifer. Action steps, award categories and budget considerations were discussed. Award ideas will be shared with SAJB members to gain consensus and will be presented to Ty Wick's family for approval.

#### **Updates Around the Table:**

**Doug Greenlund, City of Spokane** shared that the EPA posted final revisions to the [Lead and Copper Rule](#) and all rules are now on hold due to the new federal administration.

**Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Environmental Services**, reported that the Washington State Department of Ecology has officially adopted the WRIA 55 Watershed Plan Update. For more information visit [Spokane County WRIA 55 Update Page](#).

**Alyssa Gersdorf, Post Falls** reported that the pump in well #3 is being installed this week. Alyssa also reported that IDEQ, Kootenai County, and EPA, with the support of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, have asked the National Academies to analyze data and information about CDA lake water quality and provide recommendations to address issues of concern. The [Future of Water Quality in Coeur d'Alene Lake Meeting 1 Public Session 1](#) will occur on 2/24/21 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Ron Wilson, East Greenacres Irrigation District**, shared that 2 wells are currently out for repairs and will be back on-line in April. Additional projects are being done at the intersection of Prairie and Spokane St. New developments of apartments and subdivisions have continued through the winter with no end in sight.

**Sheri Miller, Department of Health Division of Drinking Water**, reported that COVID response in the Spokane Arena and other locations has impacted her work with water districts.

**Jim Ekins, UI Extension** The Confluence Project is working with students to assess the snowpack. Live IDAH<sub>2</sub>O Master Water Stewards two-part training are being held on Feb 23 and March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm. [Register here](#). Jim will present the Clean Water Act for the River Mile Project on March 24, 2021 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

**Terry Pickel, City of CDA**, shared that cleaning of the vandalized well is complete. A 1.5-mile segment of transmission main will follow the Centennial trail and I-90. Mediation with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and lake water rights is beginning.

**Adjourn** - There being no further business this 9th day of February 2021, President Pickel adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.

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President Terry Pickel

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Vice President, BiJay Adams

**Handouts sent via e-mail:** IWAC Agenda, IWAC January 2021 Meeting Minutes. Previous IWAC meeting agendas, minutes, supporting documents and presentations can be found at <http://www.iwac.us/category/meetings/>.