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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 11, 2022, 1:35 - 2:40 PM, via Zoom Representatives Present

Please personally invite IWAC members or potential members to the February 2022 meeting. We need to hear all regional voices as IWAC implements plans for 2022.

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AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions – IWAC President Terry Pickel called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Agenda Additions or Revisions – No changes were requested.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – President Pickel called for additions or corrections to the December 14, 2021, meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

Financial Report – IWAC Treasurer Ron Wilson emailed the financial report which showed a Mountain West Bank balance as of 12/01/21 of \$29,913.16. Checks included 1/11/22 #3812 for USPS PO box renewal and #3813 for Anne Francis Web Design. The 2021 end of year balance was \$29,764.17. Anderson Brothers Accounting will prepare IWAC's 2021 tax filing. The financial report was approved by consensus.

Old Business

Aquifer Atlas Updates Funding Request -The Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force has generously agreed to fund the 2022 Aquifer Atlas graphic artist not to exceed \$8,000. Additional funds from Spokane County, SAJB, DEQ and City of Spokane and IWAC are available if needed.

IWAC 2022 Budget – Members present developed and approved the budget which follows. Funds were allocated for a media campaign with airtime and digital ads. Media outlets that IWAC has used in previous campaigns are listed but no funds have been assigned to date. Media proposals will be requested, and new media outlets will also be considered when IWAC determines the media focus.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative	2021	2022
Expenses	Actuals 12/14/21	Approved Budget
Administrative Expenses		
IWAC Business Cards, Postage, Trademark, Prizes/Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reimbursement Hanson (Blue Host web hosting services)	\$0.00	\$359.00
USPS PO Box	\$80.00	\$138.00
SAJB Administrative Services (Tonilee)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Accounting Services - Anderson Bros. CPA	\$480.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Office expense : checks	\$31.03	\$50.00
Administrative Expenses Total	\$3,091.03	\$3,547.00
Education & Training Expenses		
Printing and mailing	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Education & Training Expenses Total	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Media & Outreach		
Aquifer Atlas Graphic Design (If additional funds are needed over the \$8,000 contributed by the SRRTTF)		\$1,000.00
Media Campaign		\$5,000.00
Airtime and Digital Social Media		\$5,000.00
Anne Francis Web Design	\$225.00	\$300.00
Facebook and Instagram Boosts \$25/50 wks. Dan Kegley	\$130.00	\$250.00
Rogue Heart Media - Residential Backflow video: Sprinkler retrofit - Bijay, and Backflow assembly testing Terry	\$2,987.50	
KSPS PBS	\$0.00	
Blue Sky Marketing	\$0.00	
Envision CDA 2030 Media Campaign	\$0.00	
Media & Outreach Expenses Total	\$3,342.50	\$11,550.00
All Expenses Total	\$6,433.53	\$16,097.00
2021 Estimated Revenue		
Source Water Protection District Grant Reimbursement	\$1,973.72	\$0.00
Member Contributions	\$13,650.00	\$14,000.00
Total Revenue	\$15,623.72	\$14,000.00
Mountain West Bank Balance 2021 minus Jan. 2022 invoices		\$29,596.92
Estimated 2022 Available Funds		\$43,596.92

Guinness World Record Opportunity from DEQ and IWEF – No new information was available

City of Airway Heights (CAWH) – SEPA Transfer Water Rights to the SVRP Aquifer – Comments were submitted by the City of Spokane, the Center for Environmental Law and Policy, SAJB, Spokane Riverkeeper and the Spokane Tribe of Indians. SAJB is convening a zoom meeting on January 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. with lawyers and consultants from the groups listed above. The group will discuss updates on the SEPA Determination, Ecology's Record of Examination, Public Records Requests and identify possible next steps if the WA Department of Ecology approves the City of Airway Heights's request for new water rights.

New Business

Develop 2022 Video Content and Media Plan – Tabled to February 8, 2022. Please come with ideas about topics of interest. Tonilee Hanson mentioned that the Spokane River Forum is developing the water conservation directory, "Nerds for Outdoor Watering." If IWAC does not identify important media messages, the water conservation directory could benefit from additional funding. It will be a region-wide resource.

Our Gem Symposium – Rebecca Stevens shared that Our Gem will be a virtual webinar series focused on leadership and natural resources management. Governor Brad Little will be a keynote speaker. Webinar topics are still in development but will include ideas like, "*the economy of our ecology, recreations economic impact, changing of the guard and fresh perspectives,*" and other topics to be determined. There will be no cost to attend.

Native Plant Landscaping and Curb Appeal – Jim Ekins shared that he has been involved in a new publication that has been peer reviewed and will be free to the public. The publication provides design ideas with native plants, plant lists and things to consider when landscaping with native plants. BiJay Adams requested that deer resistant plants also be identified. Branden Rose described the 3.5-acre zero water landscape project at Hayden Lake Irrigation District. A two-million-gallon pond will go in in August 2022 engineered by JUB.

Updates Around the Table

Branden Rose, Hayden Lake Irrigation District, shared that construction continues despite the winter conditions and grants for six million dollars are being sought.

BiJay Adams, LLSWD, shared that construction and development are still busy. Coating the inside of a one-million-gallon reservoir is completed.

Alyssa Gersdorf and Craig Borrenpohl, Post Falls Water Department, shared that scoping well 11 and a well house should be complete this summer. Post Falls will go thru the DEQ wellfield determination process again. A challenge is balancing regulations with the increasing need for added capacity.

Doug Greenlund, City of Spokane, shared that the job announcement for a Water Department Director closed on Sunday 1/9/22. Commodity price increases and supply delays are affecting chlorination, electronics, controllers, and field devices.

Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Water Resources, shared that Mike Hermanson will leave the County Water Resources and go to work for Avista in the natural resources. Mike's departure is a huge loss for the county and his expertise for IWAC and SAJB will be missed. Kevin Cook and a sewer design manager are retiring which will result in organizational changes and new hiring.

Rick Neal, Model Irrigation District, shared that bids are out for a new well. Construction and development have continued all winter.

Shane Sheppard, Consolidated Irrigation District, shared that a two-million-gallon reservoir and additional water mains are in development. Water use efficiency, cross connection, and backflow measures are being developed to educate customers. CID has averaged 250 new residential accounts each year and a new commercial industrial park is in development.

Cory Baune, JUB, shared that Federal funding for growth, and sustainability is beginning to trickle into the community.

Tonilee Hanson, SAJB, [Ty Wick Defender of the Aquifer Award](#) – On-line Nominations are Due Feb 15, 2022. Nominations will be accepted from Idaho and Washington for anyone working to protect the SVRP aquifer. If you are interested in being on the Award Nomination review committee please contact Tonilee. SAJB has received one nomination to date.

Terry Pickel, City of Coeur d'Alene, shared that the Huetter well is being examined for potential corrosion. The lead and copper rule is being enforced for the first time but the well should be on-line in a few weeks. The Atlas transmission main project along the Centennial Trail is under question because the freeway will be expanded to 6 lanes which will likely impact the Centennial Trail and the transmission main.

Adjourn - There being no further business this 11th day of January 2022, President Pickel adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

President Terry Pickel

Vice President, BiJay Adams

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Handouts sent via e-mail: IWAC Agenda, IWAC December Meeting Minutes, DRAFT IWAC 2022 budget. Previous IWAC meeting agendas, minutes, supporting documents and presentations can be found at <http://www.iwac.us/category/meetings/>.