

PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER committee

Minutes

Thursday, July 18, 2024, 2:00 PM

UI, FACILITIES SERVICES CENTER, JACK'S CREEK Room 151

<https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/89485239499> Passcode PBAC

1) Introductions

X: In-person attendance

V: Video attendance

	Pullman: Cara Haley City Engineer	x	Moscow: Tyler Palmer (Chair) Deputy Director, Public Works & Services
x	Pullman: Sean Wells Public Works Director		Moscow: Michael Parker Water Utility Manager
v	Pullman: Nathan Weller City Council Member		Moscow: Gina Taruscio City Council Member
v	Whitman County: Mark Storey Public Works Director/County Engineer		Latah County: Paul Kimmell County Representative
v	Whitman County: Tom Handy County Commissioner		Latah County: Tom Lamar County Commissioner
x	WSU: Jeff Lannigan (Vice-Chair) Facilities Services	x	UI: Lana Cohen Research Associate
	WSU: Jason Sampson Asst Director, Environmental Services	x	UI: Rusty Vineyard Director of Facilities
v	WA, Dept of Ecology: Patrick Cabbage Unit Supervisor/Hydrogeologist	v	ID, Water Resources: Michelle Richman Regional Manager/Staff Engineer
v	WA, Dept of Ecology: Chris Beard Hydrogeologist		ID, Water Resources: Daniel Sturgis Hydrogeologist

Others in attendance: Ken Clark (Nez Perce Tribe), Mike Faupel, Eileen Maccoll, Robin Nimmer (Alta), Josilyn Watson, Cristen Reisenauer (City of Pullman), Colt Shelton (JUB)

2) Approval of Minutes

- a. [June 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#) Motioned Cohen, Second Lannigan, Sean Wells abstain, approved 2:04

3) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

4) Unfinished Business

- a. Update on IWRB funding/RFQ in process
 - i. All entities comments have been incorporated into a final draft that will be distributed
- b. VOTE - Jeff Langman proposal for passive aquifer recharge

- i. Sampling of wells along base of Moscow Mountain to determine specific sites of best passive recharge potential, using PFAS analysis
- ii. \$90,205 requested for first year, total request is \$179,813
 - 1. \$88,890 additionally expected fall 2025 after review by PBAC Technical Subcommittee
 - 2. This covers student pay and benefits, sampling supplies, analysis costs, transportation
- iii. VOTE – motion to approve this project and fund first year, contingent on PBAC agreeing to terms of the project and confirmation of 0% overhead rate. Motioned by Lannigan, seconded by Cohen. Result of vote – Lannigan, Cohen and Weller Y, Wells, Vineyard and Palmer N – motion failed 2:46 pm
- iv. There will possibly be a special meeting of the research funding PBAC entities early August to re-consider this proposal

5) New Business

6) Presentations & Discussion

- a. Josilyn Watson update on water conservation outreach

7) Subcommittee Reports

- a. Interagency Agreement and Bylaws – update on entity feedback and finalizing new agreement
 - i. Feedback has been received from all entities
 - ii. Ad hoc subcommittee met July 11
 - iii. Going before Moscow City Council next week
- b. Budget
 - i. Due to the forecast PBAC budget deficit for the new FY we'll plan to present and vote on a budget in August
 - ii. Sean Wells will be added to the Budget Subcommittee
- c. Communications – met July 15
 - i. Stakeholder Engagement Group
 - 1. Scheduling meeting for October 3, pending checking other schedules – rolling this out before Water Summit
 - 2. Checking Pullman and Moscow locations, proposing 5:30-6:30
 - 3. Updating invite list – asking all PBAC members to help with this
 - a. Adding UI and WSU student government, also City of Palouse and Moscow Food Co-op representation
- d. Technical – met earlier this afternoon
 - i. Robin Nimmer presented findings on supplemental water supply alternatives re-analysis
 - 1. North Fork Palouse River and South Fork Palouse River data gaps were discussed
 - 2. Alta has a memo to summarize findings under internal review, this will be provided in the next few days.

- ii. Lana Cohen presented data analysis relevant to the ongoing discussions around conservation and pumping targets. A presentation to the full Committee will be added to the August PBAC agenda.

8) Other Reports and Announcements

9) Next PBAC Meeting:

- a. Thursday, August 15 at 2:00 PM

10) Adjourn 3:06