

# PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER committee

## MINUTES

Thursday, January 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

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

Others in attendance: Mike Faupel, Josilyn Watson, Brooke, Chase, Colt Shelton (JUB), Steve Robischon, Eileen MaColl, Ken Clark (Nez Perce), Nicole Fletcher (Jacobs)

### 2) Approval of Minutes

- a. [December 14, 2023 - Meeting Minutes](#) – motioned Vineyard, seconded Lamar – passed 2:05 pm
- b. Josilyn Watson – PBAC's Water Conservation Coordinator/AmeriCorps Member – was introduced. Josilyn started Tuesday and will focus on water conservation in Latah County

### 3) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

### 4) Unfinished Business

### 5) New Business

- a. Guy Gregory contract was discussed. Mr. Gregory will be helping navigate and strengthen agency relationships – motioned Vineyard, seconded Haley, passed 2:16 pm
    - i. WDOE/IDWR meeting January 31
  - b. RFP proposal – engineering study of water intake and conveyance for Alternative 1
- 6) Presentations & Discussion
- a. A Research Colloquium and re-engagement of PBAC’s Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG) were discussed.
- 7) Subcommittee Reports
- a. Interagency Agreement and Bylaws – update on entity MOA agreements
    - i. Signed copies have been received from Pullman, Moscow, WSU and UI
    - ii. It’s understood that Whitman and Latah Counties have approved, but signed copies aren’t yet available
    - iii. A final version with all signatures will be distributed when it is available
  - b. Budget
    - i. budget report - Vineyard
  - c. Communications - None
  - d. Technical – Met earlier on January 16
    - i. Passive aquifer recharge opportunities – Dr. Jeff Langman, UI
    - ii. South Fork Palouse River gage
- 8) Other Reports and Announcements
- a. Michelle Richman updated on the Mountain View well. Bids exceed the available budget and a new bid process will be necessary
  - b. Sean Wells provided an update on the Wayland Challenge. This is a voluntary water conservation challenge for April.
- 9) Next PBAC Meeting:
- a. Thursday, February 15 at 2:00 PM
- 10) Adjourn – motion Haley, seconded Lamar – passed 2:53 pm