

# PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER committee

## Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 2:00 PM

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

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### 1) Introductions

**X:** In-person attendance

**V:** Video attendance

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

Others in attendance: Mike Faupel, Josilyn Watson, Eileen Maccoll, Robin Nimmer, Brad Phelps, Pamela, Carolina Quaggio, Colt Shelton, Steve Robischon, David Hall, Brad, Anna Ndeketeya, Jake Garringer (ID Governor's office), Diane Cornelius, Nicole Fletcher

### 2) Approval of Minutes

- a. [July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#) Motion Lamar/Second Haley, approved 2:05 pm

### 3) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda - none

### 4) Unfinished Business

- a. Update on IWRB funding/RFQ in process

- i. RFQ is in final vetting among stakeholders
- ii. IWRB is expected to pass a resolution containing any necessary terms and conditions September 12 or 13, we anticipate the terms and conditions will be fairly simple. Neeley Miller will setup a meeting later this week to chat about that process and next steps.

- iii. It's likely that City of Moscow will release the RFQ in October. PBAC will name an evaluation subcommittee.
  - b. Jeff Langman proposal for passive aquifer recharge
    - i. Pending PBAC leadership/finance review – set up a meeting
- 5) New Business - none
- 6) Presentations & Discussion
  - a. Josilyn Watson provided an update on water conservation outreach
    - i. Josilyn will complete her AmeriCorps service at the end of August, she's been a great asset and we wish her the best going forward
  - b. We'd planned for Lana Cohen to present her analysis on monthly pumping 1997-2023, she's not available this week and we'll plan for this at the October PBAC meeting
- 7) Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Interstate Agreement and Bylaws
    - i. After incorporating all feedback, a final version of PBAC's new Agreement and Bylaws changes have been distributed to all entities
      - 1. City of Pullman has provided a signed Agreement, this is scheduled for approval by City of Moscow and Whitman County next week.
  - b. Budget
    - i. 2 projected budgets have been provided – one with Langman project and one without
  - c. Communications – will meet August 20
    - i. Stakeholder Engagement Group
      - 1. Scheduling meeting for September 26 @ Pullman Marriott
      - 2. Checking Pullman and Moscow locations, proposing 5:30-6:30
      - 3. Updating invite list – asking all PBAC members to help with this
    - ii. Palouse Basin Water Summit is scheduled for October 1. Stephen Leahy will be the keynote speaker.
    - iii. Research Colloquium – probably will be conducted in November
  - d. Technical – did not meet this month
- 8) Other Reports and Announcements
  - a. Pullman's new Water Tank #12 has been filled and will be operational soon
  - b. Moscow is hosting the re-start of the Quarterly Regional Meeting, a meeting for leadership in area to stay aligned on important issues. The September meeting is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> with water resources as the topic.
    - i. Tyler, Sean Wells and Mike will present; Tyler will reach out for UI and WSU representatives
    - ii. The Pullman Environmental Resilience Committee will be reaching out to PBAC
- 9) Next PBAC Meeting:
  - a. Thursday, September 19 at 2:00 PM
- 10) Adjourn 2:48