

PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER committee

Approved Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 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

v	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
	Whitman County: Mark Storey Public Works Director/County Engineer	x	Latah County: Paul Kimmell County Representative
v	Whitman County: Tom Handy County Commissioner	v	Latah County: Tom Lamar County Commissioner
	WSU: Jeff Lannigan (Vice-Chair) Facilities Services	x	UI: Lana Cohen Research Associate
	WSU: Jason Sampson Asst Director, Environmental Services		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:

Mike Faupel, Steve Robischon, Ashtyn Church, Robin Nimmer, Micki (last name, Alta), Carolina Quaggio, Brad Phelps, David Watkins, Jean Elliott, Ken Clark

2) Approval of Minutes

- a. [August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#) M Lana/S Kimmel – passed 2:06

3) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda - none

4) Unfinished Business

- a. Update on IWRB funding/RFQ in process
- i. RFQ terms and conditions approved by IWRB

1. Appointment of a RFQ subcommittee was discussed, to include:
Tyler Palmer, Steve Robischon, Mike Faupel, Gina Taruscio, Nathan Weller, Cara Haley, Ken Clark and Kevin Gardes. Tyler will follow up with an email to this group.
 - b. Jeff Langman's proposal for an aquifer recharge project
 - i. PBAC leadership/finance review was August 22
 - ii. *VOTE* - M Haley/S Kimmel – passed 2:23
- 5) New Business - none
- 6) Presentations & Discussion
 - a. Lana Cohen presented her analysis of monthly pumping data from 1997-2023
- 7) Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Interstate Agreement and Bylaws
 - i. The fully executed agreement has been obtained and will be distributed to all PBAC entities
 - ii. Entity invoices will be sent out including the new amounts
 - b. Budget – see below
 - i. *VOTE* - M Cohen/S Wells – passed 2:48
 - c. Communications – met Sept. 17
 1. PBAC's Stakeholder Engagement Group will meet September 26 @ Pullman Marriott, 4:30-6 pm
 2. *VOTE* - updated SEG Charter – M Kimmell/S Cohen – passed 2:54
 3. Palouse Discovery Science Center graphics
 - d. Technical – did not meet this month
- 8) Other Reports and Announcements
 - a. Palouse Basin Water Summit October 1 – SEL Event Center, 4:30-8:30 pm
 - i. Featured speaker – Stephen Leahy, journalist and author
 - b. Dr. John Bush, Professor Emeritus of the University of Idaho College of Science/Department of Earth and Spatial Sciences, will provide a special presentation - "*Granite Well Reports, the Last Key? to the Palouse Basin Puzzle*" Thursday, October 10 at 3 pm. Jack's Creek room at UI Facilities, a meeting invite and Zoom link will be provided.
- 9) Next PBAC Meeting:
 - a. Thursday, October 21 at 2:00 PM
- 10) Adjourn 3:06

PBAC budget summary for FY 2024-25

PBAC's UI account balances			
		start of FY	end of FY
725PSL	encumbered for salaries/benefits	\$15,055.22	-\$109,251.87
725PPG	Latah County water conservation	\$37,269.11	\$17,164.11
725PAD	admin	\$220,538.36	\$436,529.36
725PRS	research/technical	\$371,783.72	\$235,827.84
Total		\$644,646.41	\$580,269.44
			*transfer will be made from 725PAD to 725PSL
Revenue			
Pullman		\$53,750.00	
Moscow		\$53,750.00	
Whitman County		\$8,438.00	
Latah County		\$8,438.00	
WSU		\$53,750.00	
UI		\$53,750.00	
Total		\$231,876.00	
Expenditures			
salaries and benefits		\$124,307.09	
research and technical projects		\$135,955.88	
outreach and administration		\$15,885.00	
water conservation program		\$20,105.00	
Total		\$296,252.97	
notes:	Above assumes approval and transfer of \$91,653.00 for passive aquifer recharge research project		
	No revenue received as of 9/19/2024. Invoices will be sent upon execution of PBAC Interstate Agreement.		
	Research/technical and admin/outreach accounts will be combined in accordance with PBAC's Interstate Agreement		