

PALOUSE BASIN AQUIFER committee

Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 20, 2025, 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

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

Others in attendance: Steve Robischon, Kelli Cooper, Miki Waters, Kyle Duckett, Colt Shelton, David Hall, Robin Nimmer, Cristin Reisenauer, Mike Faupel, Brad Phelps, Brizeyda Martinez

2) Approval of Minutes

- a. [January 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes](#) motion Lannigan/second Vineyard – approved
 2:00 pm

3) Public Comment for Items not on Agenda

4) Unfinished Business - none

5) New Business - none

6) Presentations & Discussion

- a. National Weather Service update – Laurie Nisbet
- b. City of Moscow Water Conservation Plan – Kelli Cooper/Tyler Palmer
- c. 2024 Palouse Basin datalogger downloads - Alta presentation - Mikahala Waters/Kyle Duckett

7) Subcommittee Reports

- a. Clearwater River RFQ – Jacobs presentation was February 4 and HDR February 18. The Subcommittee will meet February 24 to discuss and make a recommendation to Moscow City Council.
Hailey Lewis is added to the RFQ ad hoc subcommittee, membership is Hailey Lewis, Tyler Palmer, Steve Robischon, Mike Faupel, Nathan Weller, Kevin Gardes, Ken Clark and Cara Haley. Rusty Vineyard and Paul Kimmell have also provided input.
- b. Budget
 - i. Sean Wells offered some questions and comments regarding the monthly finance update sent to PBAC members
 - 1. All current FY revenue shown in PBAC Admin is from our member entities
 - 2. The PBAC Admin Labor account is an encumbrance for staff pay and benefits according to UI policies
 - ii. Consideration of a pay adjustment for the Technical Advisor was discussed. We will conduct an executive session following the March PBAC meeting to continue this discussion.
- c. Communications
 - i. won't meet in February, next meeting is March 18
 - ii. Paul met with Ann Barrington from City of Palouse, they may want an additional update on PBAC. Mike will reach out and copy
- d. Technical – didn't meet this month. Mike will ask Dr. Langman for an update on the upcoming passive aquifer recharge research project.

8) Other Reports and Announcements

- a. Water Conservation Coordinator/AmeriCorps Member Erin Geslani has accomplished a lot in a short time. Please respond to her request for social media information.

9) Next PBAC Meeting:

- a. Thursday, March 20 at 2:00 PM

10) Adjourn 3:22 pm