



Josephine County
Solid Waste Agency

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS
SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2016**

Meeting convened at 3:02 P.M.

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes
Connie Roach
Lora Glover
Mike Bollweg
Rick Riker (Arrived at 3:19 P.M.)
Brad Carlson
Dave Reeves

Agency Board Members Absent:

None

Others: Leah Harper, Josephine County Legal Counsel
Don Moss, General Manager, Republic Services
Garry Penning, Rogue Disposal
Pat Fahey, Retired/General Manager, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Jen Stuber, Republic Services Landfill, Corvallis

Staff: Jason Canady, Operations Officer
Linda Gay, Minute Recorder

Rob Brandes called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. There was a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

1. **Approval of minutes from October 20, 2015 meeting.** Lora Glover made a motion to approve the October 20, 2015 meeting minutes. Dave Reeves seconded the motion. Motion approved 6 - 0.

2. Department of Public Safety Funding Request –Todd Moran

Todd Moran from Public Safety presented a funding request again this year for cleanup of environmental waste. This request is an increase from the previous yearly funding request of \$20,000 to \$35,000. The request has stayed at \$20,000 for seven years. The increase is to help cover costs for cleanup, dump fees and overall increases for Community Service Officers and the contract with Josephine County Corrections Crews. Public Safety works with residents to clean up bank owned properties, abandoned properties and debris left on public property. Todd stated that the properties that need clean up are abandoned and have a lien placed against them. Eventually, Public Safety will get money back but it is very inconsistent and not timely. Therefore, Public Safety is requesting funds to create consistent and readily available funding for cleanups. To date, Public Safety has cleaned up 11 properties with an average cost of approximately \$2,000/property.

Todd Moran gave a PowerPoint presentation describing some of the properties in the City that need clean up. Todd's slideshow exhibited a property on Sunset Way that took several days to clean up because there was so much trash. Another property was along the Rogue River at Baker Park. Several people had been residing illegally and made a camouflaged tent city. In addition, Public Safety cleaned up a pile of belongings tossed into the street from the storage unit facility on F Street. Todd also mentioned that they pick up abandoned furniture, such as, mattresses left alongside a street, and any other items that should not be there. They do this because it is a livability issue. Todd said the goal is to clean up areas in less than ten days to avoid any rat or vermin issues. Todd also stated the department holds a Prescription Drug Take Back Event every year, which sometimes DEQ participates to help with the disposal cost. A Prescription Drug Take Back box is in the lobby at the Public Safety Department that is available to citizens all year long. Lora Glover made a motion for approval of the \$35,000 funding request. Mike Bollweg seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

3. Kerby Landfill Cap Restoration update – Rob Brandes and Don Moss

Don plans to propose a plan to cover the Kerby Landfill Cap using Republic Services to deliver the City of Grants Pass Biosolids. The plan is to mix the Biosolids with additional topsoil and compost and then apply to the Cap. A question was posed to the City of Cave Junction if they would be involved and Mike responded that they would like to, but do not currently have enough material to fill the cap. This proposal would save tipping fees for the City of Grants Pass so they do not need to go to Dry Creek for disposal and would save Josephine County from looking to find mixable material to fill the Cap. Discussion will continue once the proposal is finished.

4. Report on Cave Junction tire event and new event for 2016– Mike Bollweg

Mike gave out a flyer on the tire event that was held in Cave Junction and stated it was very successful. Mike stated he had four box trailers that were filled to the maximum. He could tell that the tires that were brought in had been sitting in steams and in the weather. Mike and his crew loaded tires past the event time and were happy to see so many recycled. This event was successful because people

were not limited by the amount of tires they could bring in nor did they need to pre-register. Mike plans to have an event this spring but no date has been set.

5. Discussion by Josephine County for potential clean-up properties-Leah Harper

Leah presented three potential properties that are in urgent need of clean up and that Josephine County would like to request funding from the Agency.

The first property Leah presented was on Jaynes Dr. Photos of the property were distributed and Leah stated a judgement was placed against the homeowner to do the cleanup but they did not, so the next step is to put on a Contempt of Court judgement against the homeowner. Leah explained that the next process taken by the County is to file a Contempt of Court. Unfortunately, this will only be applicable when the person comes in contact with a Police Officer during a traffic stop, then they can be arrested. A discussion ensued of at what point does letting properties continue with solid waste issues can we do something? Leah explained that the County might be able to involve DEQ when the properties get to that point, as it is hard to show environmental hazards. This property will cost between \$5-10,000 to clean up and take two to three days.

The second property presented was in the Merlin area. After the County sued the property owner, there was a judgement placed against them. This property owner cleaned up the property but the property has now reverted to an unlivable condition and there is a warrant out for the homeowner. For the County to access a homeowner's property all legal processes need to be done.

The last property presented does not currently have paperwork filed with JOCO courts but had been sued three times in the past. The process would be to sue the homeowner then place a lien on the property to cover the cleanup costs. Josephine County would request funds from the Solid Waste Agency to clean up the property while waiting for the place to sell. Rob asked what would be the cost to clean up all three of these properties and Brad told him it would be approximately \$35,000. Brad also stated that recidivism is a huge problem and without education for the property owners cleanup may happen again. Nevertheless, from a Public Health and safety standard it is worth going in and cleaning them up.

6. Other Business- Budget Committee Appointments

The Agency received three applications for the Budget Committee; two of them, Stephen Haydon, and James Lowe were past Committee members. Terry Haugen was the third applicant. Dave Reeves made a motion to elect Stephen Haydon, Terry Haugen, and James Lowe become Budget Committee Members. Lora Glover seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Presentation of the SWA Balance Sheet

Jason Canady, Public Works Director was presented with being the Operations Manager for the Solid Waste Agency. The Financial Report for the SWA Fiscal Year 2015 was in everyone's packet.

Plastic Roundup

Don Moss explained the reasoning for cancelling the Plastic Roundup for 2016. The cost associated with recycling the material has become increasingly difficult in finding outlets that will even take the material. Pat Fahey also stated that Jackson County is unable to have a Plastic Roundup event due to being very cost prohibitive. During this discussion Pat Fahey presented Trent Carpenter as new Operations Manager for Southern Oregon Sanitation. Rob suggested something be put into the budget for next year for recycling education and to be presented in the schools. Don stated that Republic Services has an education program in place.

7. Agenda building for next meeting – February 16, 2016

- FY 17 Budget schedule
- Kerby Landfill Cap Restoration update
- Cave Junction Tire Recycling

Adjourn 4:24 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grants Pass Commercial Pesticide & Container Collection event – March 4, 2016

Master Recycler Class – March 9 through May 4, 2016

Spring Leaf Collection – April 14 – May 2, 2014

Spring Tire Event CJ-

Earth Day Spring Cleanup – April 19, 2014

Spring Burn Window – April

Prescription Drug Take Back – April 30, 2016

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – May 7, 2016