



Josephine County  
**Solid Waste Agency**

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

Meeting convened at 3:01 P.M.

**Agency Board Members Present:**

Rob Brandes  
 Connie Roach  
 Lora Glover  
 Rick Riker  
 Dave Reeves (left at 3:24 p.m.)  
 Mike Bollweg  
 Brad Carlson

**Agency Board Members Absent:**

none

**Others:** Shea Sigafous, Recycling Coordinator, Southern Oregon Sanitation  
 Trent Carpenter, Operations manager, Southern Oregon Sanitation  
 Julie Jackson, Assistant, Republic Services  
 Dave Marland, Master Recycler  
 Sarah Wright, Parks Manager, Josephine County Parks  
 Other interested citizens

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

Rob Brandes called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. There was a quorum so the meeting proceeded.

**1. Approval of minutes from May 17, 2016 and June 21, 2016 meetings.**

Lora Glover made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 17, 2016 and June 21, 2016. Rick Riker seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

## 2. Josephine County Parks Funding Request, Schroeder Sewer Lines 2016 – Sarah Wright

Before Sarah gave her presentation, Dave Reeves noted that he researched the records for the Redwood Sanitary Sewer District to see if it was even possible for those County properties to connect to City sewer. The District had been dissolved but the City and County entered into an agreement to address approximately 120 properties in the area of Schroeder Lane not already connected to City Sewer. Dave found in the agreement that it is possible for the camping sites at Schroeder Park that are failing to connect to City sewer. (Dave had to leave in the middle of this request, but stated he would vote to approve).

Sarah began her presentation explaining that Josephine County Parks lost the general funding about 10 years ago and to generate funding charge day-use fees to help keep the parks open. The day-use fee for County parks is \$5 per day per vehicle or \$30 per year for a permit. With the lack of funding and no other revenue source Sarah is submitting a funding request for a specific problem at Schroeder Park, which is that the drain lines and leach fields have failed and sewer is backing up and bubbling out of the ground. DEQ has now required that the County connect to City sewer because of the proximity and availability of City sewer in the vicinity. The majority of the park was connected to City sewer back in the 1970's. There are 11 sites not connected to City sewer and three of those have now completely failed. It would be economically feasible to proceed and connect all the sites at one time. The System Development Charges (SDC's) required for connecting to City sewer are estimated at \$32,000. This cost does not include any engineering for the project. The County Parks Department has advertised a request for proposal and has estimated the engineering costs to be approximately \$4,000 roughly (ZCS and R&E companies have submitted costs along with a couple of others). Additional costs are to be expected, such as permit and construction costs. Schroeder Park is the third busiest park in Josephine County and because of the closed sites (they are on a walk-in basis only) they are currently losing revenue.

Rob asked if Sarah knew the total linear feet of sewer lines to be installed. There was no estimate at this time, but Sarah handed out a map and sites 18-29, excluding site 26 are the ones to be connected. It is one complete side of the park excluding one yurt. There is no definitive final cost for the project yet, but Sarah was encouraged by the Board to resubmit funding requests as the Parks Dept. moves along with this project. Brad Carlson made a motion to approve the Schroeder Sewer Lines 2016 funding request in the amount of \$31,222.40. Connie Roach seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

## 3. Other Business-

### **Yard Debris Cart- Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) /Republic Services**

Rick Riker had a few questions regarding the Yard Debris Cart Program for SOS. Shea Sigafous stated that SOS would be sending customers a letter along with a

brochure explaining the new Yard Debris Program. The letter will inform consumers that this is part of their new service but it will also give people a chance to call and cancel delivery of the Yard Debris cart. Then a second letter is sent explaining the program and giving people another chance to opt out of the program. Once the cart is delivered an information tag will be on the carts that are delivered after the two letters are sent. Rick had noticed that when Republic Services delivered their carts, everyone received a cart first, and then they would need to call to have the cart picked up if they did not want the service. Rick said this posed a problem with apartment buildings without any lawns and several carts are just sitting on the street at those locations. Julie Jackson of Republic Services said she could ask her drivers to be aware of too many carts and one location and then the office could follow up with the customers to see if they need the carts or go and pick them up. Shea thought it was a good idea for SOS to double check their apartment complexes before the delivery schedule of the Yard Debris Carts.

#### **Kerby Landfill Restoration – Rob Brandes**

Rob stated he had a conversation with Jennifer Stuber of Republic Services who is working on their Biosolids proposal from Republic Services. One part of the proposal is to store the Biosolids in a berm area and only applying during the dry season. Doing this would help eliminate the need for a lining and would help with the final application of the Biosolids. The next step is to find out what it will cost the City of Grants Pass to process their Class C to a Class B Biosolids product. It takes more time to develop the Biosolids to Class B and that will determine the time frame for the application. Rick wanted to know what dirt Rob was using to help cover the Cap. Rob stated they are using the JOCO ditching material that is stockpiled in Kerby. They have already moved 2500 yards to fill some holes on the Landfill Cap. Rick wanted to know if it would be feasible to use the City of Grants Pass sweeping material. Jason informed him that the sweeping is under contract and the City does not see nor deal with the street material.

Don stated Republic Services had bid for the solids hauling for the City of Grants Pass Water Treatment Plant and wondered if that could be mixed to cover the Cap. Jason said that material is not usable as it has Alum and turns it into dust and would have to be mixed thoroughly. There are also polymers and other additives that make it hard to mix and not suitable to apply in this application.

Rob also stated they have the jute mat and plan to apply the mat and mixture by this fall. Jason asked if the City was not able to produce a Class B Biosolids how that would affect the Cap. Rob said they would have to purchase compost to mix and ill the Cap.

#### **Commissioners request criteria from SWA regarding funding projects- Rob Brandes**

Rob indicated that he and Connie have been approached by the Josephine County Commissioners asking what type of projects the SWA funds. Rob stated he was working on presenting them with SWA funding requests for over the last ten years. Jason mentioned that the City gets a larger portion of smaller projects and the

County has fewer projects but expend more. Connie also stated that the County has opportunities to apply for a grant, especially when doing asbestos removal. The SWA just funded two County school buildings to have asbestos removed recently. Connie further stated it might help the county to make a distinction as to when they should apply for a grant or when if it is cleanup of private property and a lien should be placed.

Regarding SWA funding Rob quoted, that it “can be used for solid waste programs, environmental monitoring of landfills, post-closure maintenance of landfills, remediation of contaminated sites, other acts ordered by DEQ, Solid Waste or other clean up division.” This brings up the discussion started last month if the SWA would be able to accept a funding request for Schroeder Park. Both the City Council and County Council thinks this project could be funded by the SWA under the franchise agreement.

#### **Cave Junction Fall Tire Event – Mike Bollweg**

Cave Junction is planning another tire event in fall 2016 in hopes it will be just as successful as past events. Mike is planning to do more advertising once they have a date. Mike said Cave Junction has private events that cover cleaning streams and clearing tires found in them, but the problem is where to store those tires until they can be recycled at the Tire Event. In the county there is a limit as to how many tires a person can have at one time on a piece of property, without breaking the law. Mike went on to say that the old Kerby ditch had many tires removed from it. There is one trucking outfit that will haul the tires and they are located in Northern California. Republic Services uses this same company.

#### **4. Agenda building for next meeting – August 16, 2016**

***Adjourn 3:42 p.m.***

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

JOCO Fair – August 17-20, 2016

Household Hazardous Waste – Sept. 16, 2016 Commercial / Sept. 17 Residential

Cave Junction Tire Event – TBA