



Josephine County
Solid Waste Agency

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS
 SOLID WASTE AGENCY
 MEETING MINUTES
 February 21, 2017**

Meeting convened at 3:12 P.M.

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes
 Lora Glover
 Connie Roach
 Dave Reeves
 Brad Carlson

Agency Board Members Absent:

Mike Bollweg
 Rick Riker

Others: Ky Allen, Local Representative, BLM
 Jeff Reed, Republic Services, Operations Manager
 Shea Sigafos, Southern Oregon Sanitation
 Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation
 Scott Lindberg, City of Grants Pass
 Alan Cress, Southern Oregon Aspire
 Gary Penning, Rogue Disposal & Recycling

Staff: Jason Canady, Operations Officer
 Tammy Chavez, Minute Recorder

Rob Brandes called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. There was a quorum so the meeting proceeded.

1. Approval of minutes from January 17, 2017 meetings.

Dave Reeves made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 17, 2017. Connie Roach seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

2. **Josephine County/BLM Solid Waste Cleanup Riverbanks Rd Funding Request – Brad Carlson**

Brad presented a funding request for JOCO Environmental Health project clean up. Brad stated that Ky Allen, representative of Bureau of Land Management, approached him two months ago to request assistance with the abatement of property located at 1801 Riverbanks Rd. Brad is requesting \$10,000 from the SWA to clean up 209 cubic yards of trash and debris on the private property and where BLM has easement rights. BLM asked for assistance and support with this project because they had an agreement with the property owner to maintain the property and easement and it is not being done.

Brad has a bid for cleanup on the property that is estimated to take a week to clean. David Reeves asked if the \$10,000 was for solid waste dumping fees. Brad said it is for total cleanup which will include the giant trash bins, and the cost of labor.

Ky Allen believes BLM would be able to put a lien on the property, but it is difficult. The County may have an opportunity to put a lien on the property during the foreclosure. Wells Fargo is the bank foreclosing the property, but they are not the owners. David Reeves suggested we might be able to put a contractor's lien on the property after the work is done.

According to Ky, there is an open violation with the county to clean up the property. David Reeves stated per City ordinance, property owners are cited to clean up their property within 30 days. There is a process for the City to collect liens, but they are always collected and the property owners are responsible, this case however, is located in the County.

Brad concluded his presentation by recommending that the SWA attempt to file a lien after checking with the City attorney to see if a lien is a possibility. Connie Roach made a motion to approve the \$10,000 funding request for the JOCO Environmental Health/BLM Solid Waste Clean-Up on Riverbanks Rd. contingent upon placing a lien. Lora Glover seconded the motion. Motion was approved 4-1, Dave Reeves opposed.

3. **Managing Agency items for the new FY18 Budget – Jason Canady**

- Quarterly Balance Sheet
Jason stated that the balance sheet for the Solid Waste Agency was looking good and we are allocating an increase to the revenues.

- Project ideas submitted to the Budget Officer

Jason requested if anyone had project ideas to be included for the 2018 Budget, and to submit them to Jason as soon as possible.

- **Transfer Station hours of Operation**

Jason stated that Jeff Reed from Republic Services would like to change the hours of operation for the transfer stations on occasion. The Agreement does not specifically address notification of hours or changes. There would need to be an addendum added to the original agreement.

Trent stated that holidays, weather, safety or training would have different time notifications, but that would be explained in the final agreement. If one of transfer stations had to close due to weather or safety, the other station should remain open so the public will not have to go to the Kerby Landfill or White City. Jason would like to see a solution to satisfy both workers and customers.

Trent Carpenter from Southern Oregon Sanitation is working on revised language to add to the original agreement for the waste haulers. The final addendum will be presented to the Board for approval once completed.

David Reeves stated we should also review the Kerby franchise and make sure they all agree with each other and are updated.

Other Business

Travel Trailers

Rob stated several mobile homes are showing up abandoned on the roadways and that some are toxic in the fact that they were once meth labs. Obtaining legal ownership to remove them is difficult. Rob is not sure if the abandoned mobile homes would warrant being a budget line item for the new SWA Budget, but if some of the costs were covered, it would be helpful. There have been three in the last few months. Lora Glover agreed and Dave stated that it is more than removing trailers; it is decommissioning a hazardous abatement. Full cost for removal would run around \$5000 to \$7000 per Rob assuming there is no hazardous waste. There is also paperwork that needs to be filled out for the DMV. Jason stated more funds could be allocated in the budget to the professional services line to help obtain the DMV title. Trent Carpenter stated it might be possible for the SWA to obtain the vehicle title under the SWA IGA 190 agreement section 4.4 sub section 7:

4.4 Responsibilities - The BOARD shall:

7. Establish interest in property, lien rights, and ability to recover costs incurred upon sale of property, or other interest in real or personal property.

Closure of Aspire

Trent Carpenter indicated that the relationship Southern Oregon Sanitation and Republic Services has with Aspire to receive comingled and cardboard products to bail and take to market is ending. Now, both waste haulers will have to take their recyclables directly to Rogue Disposal, which is in White City creating added work and time to the waste haulers. The reason Aspire is no longer in the recycling business is because of state legislation that has changed for sheltered workshops, such as Aspire, and with more compliance rules along with aging equipment the Aspire Board of Directors has decided to get out of the recycle business.

Southern Oregon Sanitation was planning to have another year to plan the future of recycling, but now it has come down to only weeks. Rogue Disposal has offered a short-term solution to let the waste haulers haul their recyclables to the White City facility.

Trent offered a solution to the Board and that is building their own recycling center. Southern Oregon Sanitation has already met with the City planning department to discuss the possibility of using the vacant three acres next door to their current facility on Redwood Avenue. They would be building a facility that will be used by both waste haulers countywide.

Trent stated that the City of Grants Pass is statutorily regulated to take recycled material from citizens, whereas the County is not required. Satisfying those requirements would mean building a new facility but that would place a financial burden on Southern Oregon Sanitation. It will cost approximately \$1.5-2 million dollars to prep and improve the site. The building would need to be 12-15,000 sq. ft. to house approximately \$700,000 worth of equipment.

Southern Oregon Sanitation would like to submit a funding request to the SWA to help defray the cost of equipment such as a bailer, forklift and/or a skid loader. The company is planning to invest 2-2.5 million dollars and talking to lending institutions to participate, but the rest would probably have to come from an increase in rates. Trent stated that most waste haulers throughout the state have their own facility that is able to sort, process, and bundle then take directly to market

Trent contacted a builder and he is estimating that the project should take about five months for completion. Trent also contacted DEQ's solid waste specialist in Medford, David Esh to see what special requirements that may need to be done on the new building and equipment. Trent is also aware of the facility's current location and that the new facility would need to keep traffic flowing smoothly, with being right off of Redwood Avenue. Lora voiced concern regarding the traffic patterns, and they would be reviewed when plans are submitted.

Scott Lindberg asked Trent if there was any possibility of collaborating with Aspire to continue to use their facility until the new one would be ready for operation. Alan Cress from Aspire stated that the concept of shelter use by Aspire was shut down by the state, based on a lawsuit, Lane v. Kitzhaber and the Disability Rights of Oregon. Therefore, with the legislation and failing aging equipment it has forced the closure of

Aspire. Alan stated also needs to find jobs to support the current workers once the facility is fully closed. Unfortunately, this is happening to other shelters all over the state.

Brad wanted to know if it would be a good option to keep hauling to Rogue Disposal in White City instead of a new building. Trent stated that would work but Rogue Disposal could at any time refuse to take certain recyclables when the market fluctuates.

Jason asked if Trent would be able to put together a funding request to present to the Board for the next meeting. Trent stated he would be able to do that. Trent mentioned that it would be optimal if the SWA could match funding with a grant from DEQ but he does not know the timeframe for the grant request to DEQ. Scott mentioned that the SWA would need to submit the application or the business could apply through the SWA.

Gate at Kerby

Rob Brandes stated that the gate at the Kerby Landfill has been vandalized and will need to be replaced.

Resignation of Mike Bollweg

Jason stated he received an email from Mike Bollweg that he was resigning from the SWA Board. There was a short discussion as to who will replace the Cave Junction representative for the Solid Waste Agency. Nothing was decided.

Opportunity to Recycle

Shea Sigafos from Southern Oregon Sanitation stated we have complied with the Opportunity to Recycle with the use of the Alternative Program for the City of Grants Pass. However, the new rules from DEQ states there needs to be a plan in place and approved before it can be implemented by the City. Shea suggested it would be good to form a sub-committee within the SWA to review the new legislation and rules. Shea stated that one rule from DEQ states that the expanded education program is contamination reduction. The DEQ will supply sample programs that we can follow but it would be best to have a sub-committee to review the program. Shea Sigafos said she would like to be on the committee, along with Jeff Reed from Republic, and Jason Canady for the time being.

Adjourned 4:10 PM.