



Josephine County  
**Solid Waste Agency**

JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES  
**February 21, 2023**

**Agency Board Members Present:**

Rob Brandes, Chair, In-person  
Rick Riker, Vice-Chair, In-person  
Kyrtha Sevco, In-person  
Wade Elliott, In-person  
Justin Fimbres, In-person

**Others Present:**

Jason Zanni, DEQ Solid Waste, In-person  
Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person  
Nick Fahey, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person  
Julie Jackson, Republic Services, In-person  
Garry Penning, Rogue Disposal & Recycling, In-person  
Jason Canady, Operations Officer, In-person  
Kenny Larson, Republic Services, In-person  
Nikole Nance, Republic Services, In-person  
Amie Morgan, Republic Services, In-person  
Diana Thornton, Josephine County Environmental Hlth.  
Wendy Higgins, Minute Recorder, Absent

**Agency Board Members Absent:**

Alex Ponder  
Wally Hicks  
Bradley Clark

Approval by Chair

3/21/23  
Date

1. **Introductions** (0:00-0:53)
  - a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting at 3:06.
2. **Public Comment** (0:54 – 1:07)
  - a. None
3. **Approval of Minutes** (1:10 – 59:08) November 15, 2022

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Vice Chair Riker moved, and Member Sevco seconded the motion to approve minutes from November 15, 2022, correcting explosion to explosive materials. The vote resulted as follows:  
AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Sevco, Fimbres, and Elliott. NAYS: None.  
Absent: Members Clark, Hicks, and Ponder Abstained: None. The motion passed.

**4. Action Items**

- a. Budget Members – appointments (2) and reappointments (3) applications were reviewed.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ALL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

Member Sevco moved, and Member Elliott seconded the motion to approve Larry West and Chris Parton for new appointments and Garry Penning, Layne Lange, and Tom Bradbeer for reappointments to the Budget Committee. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Sevco, Fimbres, and Elliott. NAYS: None. Absent: Members Clark, Hicks, and Ponder Abstained: None. The motion passed.

- b. Price Increase – Annual reports were presented by Nick Fahey, SOS and Julie Jackson, Republic Services. Questions were asked and answered. The Board requested the Haulers provide top 10 expenses for 2021 and 2022 for a side-by-side review in the next couple of weeks to ensure Council/Commissioners have adequate details to support the requested increases. Each hauler requested an additional increase above and beyond CPI of 6.13; Republic Services 5.73% and SOS 5.54%.

**5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff (59:10 –1:08:50)**

**Agency Board Items – none**

**Managing Agency Items**

- a. JoCo Community Development \$155,000 Payment Acknowledgement
- b. The Board previously requested to refund Mr. Micah Lee’s licensing fee since hauling was not allowed. Jason reached out to Mr. Lee who is utilizing his license, therefore no cancellation/refund by the City.
- c. Balance Sheets Year End FY22, September and December 2022 – for the Board’s review.
- d. FY22 Financial Report (Audit) – still very strong but revenue is trending down. Full audit provided to Board, no findings by auditors.
- e. Budget Calendar FY24 – presented to Board.
- f. Hauler Event Coordination – continue to coordinate events between haulers to ensure no confusion for the public.

**6. Agenda building for March 21, 2023**

- a. Hauler Rate Increase
- b. Unfranchised Haulers

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.