



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

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes, Chair, In-person
Rick Riker, Vice-Chair, In-person
Kyrriha Sevco, In-person
Bradley Clark, In-person
Justin Fimbres, In-person
Wally Hicks, In-person

Agency Board Members Absent:

Alex Ponder

Others Present:

Jason Canady, Operations Officer, 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
Rachel M., Republic Services, In-person
Darren Fast, Republic Services, In-person
Diana Thornton, Josephine County Environmental
Wendy Higgins, Minute Recorder, In-person
Amie Siedlecki, RVCOG, Online
Allegra Starr, COGP SEAT Intern
Victor Zajcew, Member of the Public
Kevin Planalp, Republic Services, Online


Approval by Chair


Date

1. Introductions (0:00-1:59)

- a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting at 3:04.

2. Public Comment (2:00 – 11:45)

- a. Mr. Victor Zajcew discussed landfill diversion operation funding request for Merlin landfill. An Area Community Resource Recovery Center which could include something like a Habitat for Humanity Restore diverting items going to the landfill possibly plastics as well for road asphalt.

3. Approval of Minutes (11:46 – 12:37) February 21, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Member Sevco moved, and Vice Chair Riker seconded the motion to approve minutes from February 21, 2023. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Sevco, Fimbres, and Hicks. NAYS: None. Absent: Member Ponder Abstained: Member Clark. The motion passed.

4. Action Items (12:38-1:36:25)

- a. Franchise CPI – Jason reviewed the process and answered questions by the Board. The Board agreed the 6.13% will be implemented July 1, 2023. No action needed to be taken.
- b. RVCOG Funding Request \$9,000 (#23-2) – presentation by Amie Siedlecki of RVCOG on the 31st Annual Rogue River Clean-Up and bringing back the After-Party at Indian Mary County Park. Questions were asked and answered.

MOTION TO APPROVE RVCOG FUNDING REQUEST FOR ANNUAL RIVER CLEAN-UP

Member Clark moved, and Member Sevco seconded the motion to approve the RVCOG Annual Rogue River Clean-Up funding request for \$9,000. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Sevco, Fimbres, Hicks and Clark. NAYS: None. Absent: Member Ponder Abstained: None. The motion passed.

- c. Rate Request Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) – presentation by Nick Fahey. Questions asked and answered.

MOTION TO APPROVE SOS RATE INCREASE REQUEST OF 5.54%

Member Sevco moved, and Member Clark seconded the motion to approve a 5.54% rate increase to Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS). The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Sevco, Fimbres, Hicks, and Clark. NAYS: None. Absent: Member Ponder Abstained: None. The motion passed.

- d. Rate Request Republic Services
 - Republic Services – presentation by Julie Jackson. Questions were asked and answered.

MOTION TO APPROVE REPUBLIC RATE INCREASE REQUEST OF 5.73%

Member Fimbres moved, and Vice-Chair Riker seconded the motion to approve a 5.73% rate increase for Republic Services. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Vice-Chair Riker, Members Fimbres, Hicks, and Clark. NAYS: Chair Brandes and Member Sevco. Absent: Member Ponder Abstained: None. The motion passed.

5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff (1:36:26 –1:08:50)

Agency Board Items – none

Managing Agency Items

- a. Draft FY24 Budget was presented by Jason Canady. Fund balances remain strong, revenues are trending downward due to less tonnage, the general SWA projects were budgeted for \$200,000 appear to come in around \$20,000. Kerby and Marlsan overbudgeted it was suggested to readjust the budget closer to actual amounts. 43% of available resources are funding code enforcement programs.
- b. Updated SWA Roster was provided to the Board and Budget Committee members.
- c. Unfranchised Haulers – moved to April agenda.

6. Agenda building for April 18, 2023

- a. Unfranchised Haulers
- b. Budget Committee meeting

7. Adjournment at 4:46 pm