



**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS
SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022**

Agency Board Members Present:

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

Others:

Chris Wilson, Republic Services, In-person
Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person
Nick Fahey, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person

Agency Board Members Absent:

Steve Bethke

Agency Budget Board Members:

Bruce Philbrick, SWA Budget Committee
Garry Penning, SWA Budget Committee
Layne Lange, SWA Budget Committee
Tom Bradbeer, SWA Budget Committee

Staff: Jason Canady, Operations Officer
Wendy Higgins, Minute Recorder


Approval by Chair


Date

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

a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting at 3:02 and took roll.

2. Public Comment (1:03 - 5:30)

a. Trent Carpenter, SOS – asked to increase the Redwood Transfer Station minimum from one yard to one and a half yards to the same as Republic Services. Questions were asked and answered. Chair Brandes agreed to put it on next month’s agenda. Member Hicks requested a report or written recommendation be submitted for a full public discussion.

3. Approval of Minutes (5:31 – 6:05) March 15, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Member Sevco moved, and Vice-Chair Riker seconded the motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2022. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Clark, Fimbres, Hicks, and Sevco. NAYS: None. Absent: Steve Bethke Abstained: None. The motion passed.

4. Action Items (6:05 – 2:03)

a. Convene to SWA Budget Committee meeting (7:26 – 39:31)

- b. Funding Request – Rogue Valley Council of Governments, Amie Siedlecki presented an \$8,000 funding request for the 30th Annual Rogue River Clean-Up and Let's Pull Together. This year they are partnering with the Josephine County Weed Management in combining invasive weed pulling with the river clean-up. This year there are two options to check-in at either Whitehorse or Hog Creek County Parks this year. White Horse Park volunteers will primarily focus on picking up trash in the parks and along the river. The Hogg Creek volunteers will have a few more options such as park, riverside, roadside clean up, and possibly an in-stream trash clean up. Like last year bagged lunches and donated prizes will be provided in addition to possibly having live music. All key event partners both monetary and in-kind were read off.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING REQUEST

Member Clark moved, and Member Hicks seconded the motion to approve the 30th Annual Rogue River Clean-Up funding request in the amount of \$8,000. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Clark, Fimbres, Hicks, and Sevco. NAYS: None. Absent: Steve Bethke Abstained: None. The motion passed.

- c. Funding Request – Josephine County 4H/Extension Service District, Kayla Sheets, Administrative Office Manager, presented a \$16,379 funding request for asbestos abatement of the entire auditorium minus the restrooms. Remediation was found to be cheaper than encapsulation. The auditorium is the primary facility used by all their programs including Master Gardeners, 4H, Master Food Preservers, etc. In its current state, the auditorium is unusable.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING REQUEST

Vice-Chair Riker moved, and Member Sevco seconded the motion to approve the Josephine County 4H/Extension Service District funding request in the amount of \$16,379. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Clark, Fimbres, Hicks, and Sevco. NAYS: None. Absent: Steve Bethke Abstained: None. The motion passed.

- d. Funding Request – Josephine County Environmental Health, requested to present in MAY

5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff (2:03 – 28:11)

a. Agency Board Items

- Annual Hauler Reports Presented by Nick Fahey, SOS, and Chris Wilson, Republic Services – questions were asked and answered.
- Member Fimbres informed the board he recently met with DEQ regarding burning on now burn days. New Hope is the biggest area of concern right now. Possible ideas for reducing this were discussed. Chair Brandes requested it is put on a future agenda.

b. Managing Agency Items - none

6. Agenda building for May 17, 2022

- a. Approval of FY23 Final Budget with Revisions
- b. SOS Minimum be revised from 1 cubic yard to 1-1/2 cubic yards

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.