



Josephine County
Solid Waste Agency

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS
 SOLID WASTE AGENCY
 MEETING MINUTES
 April 20, 2021**

Meeting convened at 3:04 p.m.

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes - Chair
 Rick Riker – Vice Chair
 Kyrrha Sevco
 Justin Fimbres
 Brad Clark

Agency Board Members Absent:

Connie Roach - Absent
 Steven Bethke - Absent

Others:

Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation
 Nick Fahey, Southern Oregon Sanitation
 Chris Wilson, Republic Services
 Julie Jackson, Republic Services
 Garry Penning – SWA Budget Committee/Rogue Waste Systems
 Steve Haydon – SWA Budget Committee
 Bruce Philbrick – SWA Budget Committee
 James Lowe – SWA Budget Committee
 Tom Bradbeer – SWA Budget Committee
 Bob McCraley – SWA Budget Committee (Online)

Staff: Jason Canady, Operations Officer
 Dianne Phelan, Minute Recorder

1. Introductions (00:00 – 01:16)

a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting at 3:04 and took roll.

2. Public Comment (01:17 – 01:36)

a. None.

**3. Approval of Solid Waste Agency Meeting minutes from March 16, 2021 meeting.
 (01:37 – 02:25)**

Vice Chair Riker made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Agency meeting minutes from March 16, 2021. Member Clark seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion approved 5 -0.

BREAK FOR BUDGET MEETING (02:26 – 45:30)

4. Action Items (59:57– 1:00:50)

- a. Acknowledgment of Josephine County Solid Waste Clean-up Program payment. Jason stated that he is ready to make the payment to Josephine County, but he needs the board to acknowledge that he will be writing a check for \$98,000.00 for the County's Code Enforcement. The policy changed on the larger expenses, stating that he brings them to the board for acknowledgement before we made the payment. He would like a motion from the board to acknowledge the payment.

Chair Brandes made a motion to acknowledge the \$98,000.00 check. Member Sevco seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion approved 5 -0.

5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff

a. Agency Board Items (0:00)

b. Managing Agency Items (45:31 – 59:56)

- Funding Request – City of Grants Pass Foothill City Landfill Encampment Clean-up. Kyrrha Sevco presented the request. A City Facilities Staff employee was checking City properties and discovered that the Foothill City Landfill has a small encampment on it. They are requesting funds to support the cleanup of it. They are requesting \$582.25.

Vice Chair Riker made a motion to approve the Funding Request for \$582.25 to the City of Grants Pass for the Foothill City Landfill Encampment Cleanup. Member Clark seconded the motion. There were no objections. Kyrrha Sevco abstained. Motion approved 4 -0.

- Funding Request – Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) Rogue River Clean-up 2021. Amie Siedlecki presented. Amie works in the Natural Resources Department, which focuses on clean water projects and restoration projects. They collect samples along Bear Creek and the tributaries. They also do stormdrain sampling. She is asking for the continued funding from the Solid Waste Agency. She stated that RVCOG is taking over as lead coordinator for this event. In years past, Josephine County Parks has coordinated the event. They approached RVCOG to take over the event since they can do a lot of regional projects. They work in the cities of Jackson and Josephine County, so they have the wide-reaching ability to do these projects all over the area. They are requesting \$6,000.00. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd, with check in at Whitehorse Park. The cleanup will be from 9:00 am to noon, with 16 locations between Whitehorse Park

and the Grave Creek boat ramp. They will not be able to have the after party, but they will have to go lunches or vouchers for volunteers. They will have raffle prizes and t-shirts for participants. Amie went over the budget, stating that they would like \$2,500 for t-shirts, \$2,200 for lunches, as well as funding for bottled water, advertisement, posters, safety vests, gloves, and trash pickers, bringing the total to \$6,000.

- Vice Chair Riker noted that the Solid Waste Agency was not included in the Key Event Sponsors. Amie said she did not have a logo. Vice Chair Riker asked how many people are expected to show up for the event. Amie stated that they are hoping for 200 people.
- Chair Brandes asked if RVCOG will be able to use the in-kind for any other grant, such as TMDL or MS4 where they can leverage some of the in-kind against some of the other projects you are already doing. Amie said TMDL would qualify.

Member Fimbres made a motion to accept the proposal for \$6,000.00 for the RVCOG event to clean up the Rogue River. **Member Clark** seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion approved 5 -0.

6. Agenda building for May 18, 2021 (1:00:51 – 1:12:08)

- a. Budget – Take formal action to announce that Jason is the Budget Officer.
- b. Jason stated that he received a copy of a letter that GPID sent to ODOT. He stated that it is something the agency may see in the future. This is regarding trash being a large problem along the GPID right of way. It gets a lot of unhoused traffic, so garbage is becoming a big issue. A lot of this is running in ODOT right of way, so getting clean up is becoming difficult. Don Miller from GPID is trying to put pressure on ODOT to do the cleanup. Jason mentioned to him that this agency might be an available source to help with some of this. There is no project currently, this is just something to consider. Rob suggested having Josephine Community Corrections Work Crews do the cleanup.
- c. Chair Brandes asked if the agency has an interest in funding an additional sheriff or BLM person to go out in the forest if we were to partner with the County, Forest Service, and BLM. Vice Chair Riker would like to see more details to show what they plan on accomplishing. Chair Brandes stated that he feels it would be more detective work, not actual cleanup. He will reach out to the sheriff to see if they would be willing to house the person under his program.
- d. Trent Carpenter stated that both the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners asked for him to come back with CPI language that would work instead of 15% or 20% rate increases. Both Southern Oregon Sanitation and Republic are working on a language to start with. You should see that at the next meeting or two. It is tied to an index and an agency overview, but then would be automatic.
- e. Trent also stated that it was also discussed several months ago about a Standard Operating Procedures with their company. They are almost finished with that and hope to bring it to the agency to review at the next meeting or two. Jason asked if the SOP's are going to address critical businesses and how we handle those. Trent said they are approaching it from a viewpoint of garbage

- recycling and yard debris, and from a commercial to a residential look. They are looking at fire levels as well as snow issues.
- f. Vice Chair Riker asked about upcoming events. He asked if the Spring Leaf Collection was a weekly event. Jason stated that it is the accelerated leaf pickup, so the green waste can will be picked up weekly instead of biweekly.
 - g. Vice Chair Riker asked where the Prescription Drug Take Back will be. Jason said it is at the Grants Pass Public Safety Building. There is a receptacle at the Public Safety Building that can be used anytime, this is more of a hands-on event.
 - h. Vice Chair Riker asked if the Household Hazardous Waste Event in Jackson County was still happening. Garry Penning said it is. They do not take paint and they will not have a reuse table at the event.

7. Adjournment (1:12:09 – 1:12:12)

Meeting adjourned 4:17 p.m.

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