



JOSEPHINE COUNTY/CITY OF GRANTS PASS
SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2023

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes, Chair, In-person
Rick Riker, Vice-Chair, In-person
Kyrriha Sevco, In-person
Justin Fimbres, In-person
Wally Hicks, **Absent**
Jean Ann Miles, **Absent**
Bradley Clark, In-person

Others Present:

Jason Canady, Operations Officer, In-person
Scott McCullough, Republic Services, In-person
Julie Jackson, Republic Services, In-person
Nick Fahey, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person
Wendy Higgins, Minutes Recorder, In-person
Cathy Brown, DEQ, Virtual
Garry Penning, Rogue Disposal, In-person
Kenny Larsen, Republic Services, In-person
Janet Fredrickson, JoCo Public Health, In-person
Mike Weber, JoCo Public Health, In-person
Thomas Peterson, JoCo Public Health, In-person
Bill Hickerson, JoCo Search & Rescue, In-person
Amie Siedlecki, RVCOG, In-person



Approval by Chair

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1. Introductions (1:38-2:20)

- a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting at 3:02 pm.

2. Public Comment (44:08 – 58:30)

- a. Rob Brandes let the group know that the Josephine County Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance to help attack hazardous conditions in the public right-of-ways. It will go into effect in 90-days from approval, mid to late October 2023.
- b. Nick Fahey of Southern Oregon Sanitation let the Board know that mixed wastepaper would be allowed in the comingled recycling. Part of the reason for this change is due to a huge new facility coming online in Longview per Garry Penning. Republic Services and SOS will be accepting mixed wastepaper soon in Josephine County.
- c. Scott McCullough of Republic Services requested a rate increase to match SOS's rate on tires and fluorescent lights be changed to charging per item instead of by the foot. The Board requested this to be added as an action item to the next month's agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes (2:42 – 3:15) June 20, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Member Sevco moved, and member Clark seconded the motion to approve minutes from June 20, 2023. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Clark,

Sevco, and Fimbres. NAYS: None. Absent: Members Hicks and Miles. Abstained: None. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Action Items (3:15 – 20:52)

- a. Search & Rescue Forest Clean Up Day 2023 funding request – Bill Hickerson presented a brief review to the Board. Questions were asked and answered by the Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE SEARCH & RESCUE FUNDING REQUEST

Vice-Chair Riker moved, and member Sevco seconded the motion to approve the \$2000 funding request for Search & Rescue's Forest Clean Up 2023. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Clark, Sevco, and Fimbres. NAYS: None. Absent: Members Hicks and Miles. Abstained: None. The motion passed 5-0.

- b. Josephine County Wasteshed Representative (Jason Canady/Cathy Brown) – DEQ requested a county staff member be the Wasteshed representative. Rob Brandes volunteered to be the county representative.

5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff (21:00 – 43:12)

Agency Board Items

- a. RVCOG Annual Rogue River Clean Up Report by Amie Siedlecki – Amie provided a presentation on the event with statistics and photos. Additional parks will likely be added to the event next year. The Board thanked Amie for her efforts and looked forward to seeing her next year.
- b. Josephine County Public Health Solid Waste Program Report by Mike Weber and Thomas Peterson – Mike and Thomas presented statistics on the program from 2022. Questions were asked and answered. Mike told the Board a new funding request for FY24 for \$155,000 would be submitted soon.

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- c. Front Loaded Funding Requests by Jason Canady – Jason asked the Board if a policy adjustment needed to be made for front loading approved funding requests such as the request from Illinois Valley Wellness Resources. Questions were asked and answered by the Board. The Board opted for no policy change at this time and would take front loaded requests on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Jason presented a letter to the Board from the State of Oregon addressing the Board of Directors' fiduciary responsibilities.

6. Agenda building for September 15, 2023

- a. Grants Pass PD Code Enforcement Abatement & Waste Disposal funding request report
- b. JoCo Public Health Solid Waste Program Funding Request \$155k
- c. Republic Rate Schedule Increases for Tires and Fluorescent lights

7. Adjournment at 3:59 pm