



JOSEPHINE COUNTY/CITY OF GRANTS PASS  
SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 19, 2023

**Agency Board Members Present:**

Rob Brandes, Chair, In-person  
Rick Riker, Vice-Chair, In-person  
Kyrriha Sevco, **Absent**  
Justin Fimbres, In-person  
Wally Hicks, **Late, 3:20 arrival**  
Jean Ann Miles, In-person  
Bradley Clark, **Absent**

**Others Present:**

Jason Canady, Operations Officer, In-person  
Scott McCullough, Republic Services, Online  
Julie Jackson, Republic Services, Online  
Nick Fahey, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person  
Wendy Higgins, Minutes Recorder, In-person  
Jason Zanni, DEQ, In-person  
Garry Penning, Rogue Disposal, In-person  
Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation, In-person  
Alan Honadle, Member of the Public, In-person

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Approval by Chair

10/17/23  
Date

1. **Introductions** (2:00-2:30)
  - a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting at 3:02 pm.
2. **Public Comment** (2:30 – 2:58)
  - a. None
3. **Approval of Minutes** (40:18 – 41:55) August 15, 2023

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Member Fimbres moved, and Vice Chair Riker seconded the motion to approve minutes from August 15, 2023. The vote resulted as follows: AYES: Chair Brandes, Vice-Chair Riker, Members Hicks, Miles, and Fimbres. NAYS: None. Absent: Members Clark and Sevco. Abstained: None. The motion passed 5-0.

4. **Action Items** (3:27 – 49:55)
  - a. Republic Services (RS) Tire Price Increase – Julie Jackson presented to the Board that RS tire collection continues to increase in quantity. It is believed the increase is due to the disparity in the rate for tire disposal between Republic and Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) transfer stations. The increase could take place as of January 1, 2024. Questions were asked and

answered. The Board requested additional information from RS and to put item on next month's agenda.

- b. SOS Wood Waste Minimum Charge – Nick Fahey let the Board know as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, Southern Oregon Compost, would no longer accept wood waste. Biomass One in White City is their new processor. With additional costs due to the location of the new processor SOS will be charging the minimum gate fee on all wood waste. This is informational only and requires no action from the Board.
- c. Search and Rescue Funding Request – Jason will reach out to Bill Hickerson to clarify how the requested dumpsters will be taken care of through the haulers.

**5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff (27:49 – 40:18)**

**Agency Board Items**

- a. GPPD Code Enforcement Abatement & Waste Disposal Funding Request Presentation was made by Lt. Justin DeKruger. Questions were asked and answered. The Board requested a breakdown of the clean-up for the past term. Lt. DeKruger will complete a new funding request and submit for review shortly.

**Managing Agency Items**

- b. None

**6. Agenda building for October 17, 2023**

- a. Grants Pass PD Code Enforcement Abatement & Waste Disposal Funding Request Application
- b. JoCo Public Health Solid Waste Program Funding Request Application
- c. Republic Services Rate Schedule Increase for Tires
- d. Adopt Purchasing Policy Revisions

**7. Adjournment at 3:50 pm**