



Josephine County  
**Solid Waste Agency**

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY / CITY OF GRANTS PASS  
 SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
 MEETING MINUTES  
 April 21, 2020**

Meeting convened at 3:44 p.m.

**Agency Board Members Present:**

Rob Brandes - Chair  
 Rick Riker  
 Lora Glover  
 Kyrrha Sevco  
 Connie Roach  
 Justin Fimbres  
 Steve Bethke

**Agency Board Members Absent:**

**Others:**

Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation  
 Chris Wilson, Republic Services  
 Cathy Brown, DEQ  
 Julie Jackson, Republic Services  
 Garry Pennington, Rogue Waste Systems

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

**1. Introductions (44:17 – 44:44 )**

Rob Brandes called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m.

**2. Approval of minutes from February 18, 2020 meeting. (44:45 – 45:40)**

Connie Roach made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 18, 2020. Kyrrha Sevco seconded the motion. Motion approved 7-0.

### 3. Public Comment

- a. No comments from the public.

### 4. Action Items (45:40 -50:30 )

- a. Funding Request from Josephine Parks and Recreation Foundation – 28<sup>th</sup> annual Rogue River Clean-up
  - Jason stated that Sarah Garceau wanted to pull the request as the event is cancelled for the year. Jason left it on the agenda so the board will have the opportunity to approve this for next year. He wanted to mention that there has been no acknowledgement of the contribution of the agency in the past on their flyers. He suggests that the board approve this event for next year and that they make sure the agency is represented in all their print material and their advertisements.
  - Rob stated that he has heard the possibility of having Boatnik on Labor Day weekend this year. He asked if that was the case, would the agency be fine with funding the request. There is no date set for the event, they are just calling it the 28<sup>th</sup> annual event so the clean-up could possibly happen on Labor Day. Rob asked when the event would have to be held if the board approved it.
  - Jason said it would need to be anytime in FY'21.
  - Rob asked for any more discussion. Having none, he asked for a motion.
  - Rick Riker made a motion to approve the Josephine County Parks and Recreation grant request for \$6,000 for whenever the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Rogue Clean-up happens. Kyrrha Sevco seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

### 5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff

#### a. Agency Board Items (50:31 – 53:19)

- HHW Event – September 18 and 19, Josephine County Fairgrounds
- Jason stated that he put this item on the agenda for discussion. He is assuming that the Coronavirus shutdown will be over at that point and we will still want to hold those dates. He asked if the waste haulers were seeing any issues that would prevent the agency from holding this event in September.
- Currently there are no issues from the waste haulers. There was a concern about the increase in volume due to Jackson County having to cancel their event.
- Garry mentioned that since Jackson County had to cancel their event in May, they may have an event this fall since it is part of their franchises agreement in Jackson County with the Cities. He said later in the summer they will determine if they will move forward with that. Garry

said the Jackson County event would follow Josephine County's event by 2 or 3 weeks.

- Rob asked if there was an increase in medical waste disposal due to the increase in PPE with the local public health agencies.
- Gary said that medical waste is down because elective surgeries are temporarily canceled.

**b. Managing Agency Items (53:20 – 57:41)**

- Wasteshed Manager Discussion - Introduction.
- Jason stated that Justin is the Wasteshed manager for the county. He wanted to have a discussion on whether or not that was something we wanted to move to the managing agency. That would ensure that all the Opportunity to Recycle and all the other wasteshed related issues would come directly to the agency. That way we could ensure that all of those get filled out in a timely fashion. There have been some issues with delays in getting them back and forth. Justin is doing a great job of sending things, but some things are getting misplaced. He asked if the county can designate anybody as the manager of the wasteshed.
- Cathy stated that Josephine County can have whoever they want as the manager, ideally it would be one person who is on the Solid Waste Agency so she has one point of contact but not the agency itself.
- Jason said he wanted to plant the seed for a future discussion in streamlining the process. Right now, Justin gets the forms to him for the City to complete, which are just for the City of Grants Pass and the urban growth boundary. He wanted to get Justin and the boards opinions to see where they want to take this in the future.

**6. Agenda building for May 19, 2020 (57:42 – 1:04:50)**

- a. Budget comment, if any. Budget approval.

Rob asked if there were any other comments.

Rick Riker mentioned that the Spring Leaf Collection was currently happening. He also asked about the Spring Burn window. Rob stated that it was canceled in the city, but it is allowed in the county if it is a burn day. They are recommending not to burn due to respiratory issues of people in the at-risk category as well as the lack of rain.

Trent stated that Southern Oregon Sanitation, Republic, and Rogue Disposal will be making a public announcement tomorrow that they are changing the curbside mix to 1's and 2's plastic bottles and jugs. This is the beginning of the expansion back into accepting more plastics.

**7. Adjournment (1:04:50)**

Meeting adjourned 4:04 p.m.

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