



Josephine County
Solid Waste Agency

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

Meeting convened at 3:01 p.m.

Agency Board Members Present:

Rob Brandes - Chair
Rick Riker – Vice Chair
Brad Clark - Absent
Kyrrha Sevco
Connie Roach
Justin Fimbres - Absent
Steve Bethke

Agency Board Members Absent:

Others:

Trent Carpenter, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Nick Fahey, Southern Oregon Sanitation
Chris Wilson, Republic Services
Garry Pennington (Phone)
Sgt. Ed Burke, Grants Pass Public Safety Department
Lt. Jeff Hattersley, Grants Pass Public Safety Department
Sgt. Mike Miner, Grants Pass Public Safety Department
Audrey Tiberio, Josephine County Public Health

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

1. Introductions (00:00 – 01:32)

- a. Chair Brandes opened the meeting and took roll. He explained the purpose of the Solid Waste Agency and what they do for the benefit of the attendees.

2. Public Comment (01:33 – 1:46)

- a. No comments from the public.

3. Approval of Solid Waste Agency Meeting minutes from May 19, 2020 meeting. (01:47 – 2:24)

Connie Roach made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Agency meeting minutes from May 19, 2020. Kyrrha Sevco seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion approved 5-0.

4. Action Items (2:25 – 18:00)

- Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Josephine County/City of Grants pass Solid Waste Agency Approving a Managing Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Grants Pass. Jason stated that he wanted to defer this until the next meeting. He sent the resolution to the auditors for review and is waiting to hear back from them.
- Funding Request from Grants Pass Department of Public Safety. Lt. Hattersley gave the presentation. This year they are asking for a \$45,000.00 grant. They are planning on using this for environmental waste, littering, hazardous materials, drug take back, residential and industrial clean-ups, abandoned and inoperable vehicles, transient camps, and RV and trailer disposal. Lt. Hattersley talked about two nuisance residential properties they are dealing with, as well as cleaning up some transient camps at the Dollar Mountain property. He shared some of the projects they have cleaned up in the past. Lt. Hattersley also showed some of the vehicles and RV's they have hauled away. He said they can cost up to \$3,000.00 each to dispose of. They get between 5 and 10 of these per year. Lt. Hattersley stated that because of Covid there is a halt on evicting people. He said people are claiming these RV's are their homes. Even though it is an inoperable RV parked on the roadway creating a hazardous material situation, they aren't clear on whether they can evict them or not. Lt. Hattersley stated that this grant isn't just for the Police Department, they also work with other departments such as the Parks Department on Dollar Mountain. He said they hire contractors to clean up places like Dollar Mountain, but they need to provide protection for the contractors during the cleanup.

Connie Roach made a motion to allocate \$45,000.00 to the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety for Code Enforcement Abatement and Waste Disposal. Kyrrha Sevco seconded the motion. There were no objections. Motion approved 5-0.

5. Matters from Agency Board and Staff

a. Agency Board Items (18:00 – 21:42)

- Recognize Staff Member Bradley Clark's appointment to Solid Waste Agency.
- Recognize removal of Staff Member Lora Glover from Solid Waste Agency.
- SWA Tote Bags – Jason asked if the board wanted to purchase more tote bags to hand out to the public. They would like to get a quote for 5,000 bags and see more color options. We will bring this back at the next meeting.

b. Managing Agency Items (21:43 – 28:00)

- Officers Jeff Hattersley and Mike Miner report on Solid Waste Clean Up with the City of Grants Pass PSD. This was included in the Funds Request presentation.
- Jason suggested making some changes to the Funding Request Short Form. He wanted to make it clear that the Short Form is only for a Funding Renewal Request. He would like the name of the form to be changed to the Funding Renewal Form.
- Trent Carpenter asked to make a clarification on the rental policy of drop boxes. Some of the boxes are sitting on properties for 60 to 90 days and not getting serviced. They would like to change the policy to state that for temporary drop boxes they will be charged every 30 days whether they get serviced or not. He would like to raise the daily rate or charge a monthly dump fee on the boxes. The board didn't see a problem with those changes.

6. Agenda building for August 18, 2020 (28:01 -28:58)

- a. Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Josephine County/City of Grants pass Solid Waste Agency Approving a Managing Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Grants Pass.
- b. SWA Tote Bags

7. Adjournment (28:59)

Meeting adjourned 3:31 p.m.

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