



Board Meeting March 15, 2018

Meeting Location: Trans-Jordan Cities, 10473 S Bacchus Hwy, South Jordan, UT

**Attending:**

Dave Newton, Vice Chair – West Jordan City

Russ Kakala – Murray City

Steve Siddoway – Draper City

Trace Robinson – Riverton City

Jason Rasmussen – South Jordan City

Mike Gladbach – Sandy City

Danny Astil – Murray City

Jaren Scott – Treasurer & Deputy Director

Brenda Bingham - Secretary

**Also Attending:**

Mark Hooyer, Executive Director

Craig Hall – Counsel

Teresa Gray – SLCoHD (until 8:30 a.m.)

Eric Michaels – SLCoHD

Jason Turville – Trans-Jordan Cities

Olivia Resendez – Trans-Jordan Cities

Jordan Hensley, Trans-Jordan Accountant (arrived at 9:15 a.m.)

**Absent**

Midvale City (excused)

**1, 2 & 3 Welcome, Roll Call, and Public Comment**

Dave Newton called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. A verbal roll call was taken and those in attendance are listed above. Dave opened the floor to public comment but no comments were made.

**4. Approval of February 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Dave asked if anyone had changes to the February 2018 meeting minutes. No changes were requested.

*Mike Gladbach* made a motion to approve the February 2018 Meeting Minutes and *Trace Robinson* seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. SLCoHD Annual HHW Report**

Eric Michaels gave a presentation regarding the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program annual report. A handout was passed out and is in the file for reference. The following information was presented / discussed:

- The HHW Program is funded by the \$1.85 per ton fee assessed by the SLCoHD to all landfills and transfer stations in Salt Lake County.
- There is not a paint recycler in the Salt Lake Valley, so the paint collected by the program is sent to Wasatch Regional landfill where it is solidified and then buried.
- Samsung voluntarily pays for a large portion of the electronic waste disposal cost in Salt Lake County. SLCoHD was just informed that Samsung will be cutting their funding for the program by 25%. Craig Hall reviewed the situation which resulted in manufacturers paying for electronic disposal. Manufacturers decided to voluntarily pay for disposal after producer responsibility legislation was introduced in Utah several years ago. Although the bill did not pass, the manufacturers decided to continue to pay on a voluntary basis so the issue would not be introduced in legislation again. Craig suggested that a model

42 similar to the tire recycling program be drafted prior to the next legislative session to address the  
43 situation.

- 44 • A propane extraction program was added last year. A 500 gallon tank was purchased for the Salt Lake  
45 facility which allows propane to be extracted from home BBQ tanks and used rather than sent to a  
46 processing center. The recovered propane fuels the forklift at Trans-Jordan's HHW facility.
- 47 • Upcoming projects include a centralized indoor facility and disposal options for residential ammunition  
48 disposal.

49 Jaren asked about the \$500,000 of indirect costs charged to the HHW Program (as listed on the handout).

50 Teresa Gray stated that those costs include programs that are not HHW related such as emergency response.

51 Teresa noted that more information can be provided on the indirect costs. Craig asked for an update on the  
52 homeless encampments. Teresa explained that they are proceeding with the second phase of clean ups as the  
53 homeless encampments have moved south along the Jordan River. A big cleanup was recently completed in  
54 Draper. At this time, individuals are not being kicked out of their tents but the solid waste is being cleaned up.

## 55 **6. Treasurer's Report**

56 Jaren Scott reported on the following:

57 *Financial Statements* – Jaren reviewed the February financial statements with the Board. Increased revenues in  
58 Public Use of Landfill is due to the mild winter. Interest of investments have increased as Jordan Hensley (TJ  
59 Accountant) has been researching and recommending alternative investment. No questions were asked.

## 60 **7. Legal Report**

61 Craig Hall reported on the following:

62 *NUERA* –

- 63 • The SITLA lease has been signed.
- 64 • Preparations have been started to transfer the Conditional Use permit from SUVSWD to NUERA. There  
65 is a 30 day advance meeting requirement so Craig is working on getting it filed in order to be on the May  
66 agenda. Once this permit is transferred then all transfers for Bayview will be complete.

67 *SB-373 (formerly HB-115) DEQ Fees* – The bill addressing DEQ fees was re-addressed in SB-373. The final result is  
68 that the DEQ has to go back and look at a new fee schedule *with* the authority to make changes to the schedule.  
69 The new bill allows the DEQ to consider facility differences when assessing fees. Every landfill will pay a fee now  
70 where they did not before. Trans-Jordan will have a fee increase but it will not be the \$60,000 increase that we  
71 would have received if the original bill was not updated. The bill also introduced the ability for landfills to do  
72 self-inspections if they take a five hour on-line class. We most likely will not be self-inspecting. Another positive  
73 part of the bill was the removal of the \$400,000 that was being transferred each year from DEQ to the general  
74 fund.

75 ***2018 Legislature Recap*** – Craig gave a recap of the legislative session that would affect Trans-Jordan and / or  
76 member cities. The PowerPoint is in the file for reference.

77 ***Tire Recycling Fee Audit*** – There will be a legislative audit conducted in May of the Tire Recycling program. We  
78 found out that the program has not been audited since 2002 and audit committee was happy to comply with  
79 our request.

## 80 **8. Board Education – Draper City Curbside Collection**

81 Steve Siddoway gave a presentation on the genesis of Draper City's Curbside Collection. The presentation  
82 reviewed the research and decision to take over the curbside collection and how the program has been working  
83 for the last 10 years. The presentation is in the file for reference and was emailed to the Board Members.

## 84 **9. Executive Directors Report**

85 Mark Hooyer reported on the following:

86 *Operations Report* – Mark turned the floor over to Jaren Scott for the Operations Report.

- 87 • *Operator Swap* – The Heavy Equipment Operator swap with Wasatch Integrated will begin next week.
- 88 We will be trading employees for two days.
- 89 • *Compost Sale* – The sale on compost products will end March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 90 • *SWANA Symposium* – We had great representation at the SWANA Symposium. It was well attended and
- 91 we had the opportunity to learn from 16 great presentations.
- 92 • *New Entrance Gate* – The bid for the new entrance gate and area is going out next week.
- 93 • *Wind Fence* – The preliminary studies have been completed and we will be moving forward with some
- 94 test posts. Since we are going to be putting the posts in old trash, the footings will require some
- 95 modification, and testing a few different designs is prudent.

96 ***Building Remodel Update*** – The building remodel is moving forward. We have a building permit issued from

97 South Jordan.

98 ***SLVSWMF Board***– The item of great discussion is the future of the transfer station. Wasatch Front Waste and

99 Recycling has been approached by Salt Lake County to take over the transfer station but it is unknown if this will

100 go forward. Pam Roberts has inquired if NUERA would be interested in the 95,000 tons of waste from Wasatch

101 Front Waste & Recycling if the situation with the transfer station doesn't work out. West Valley will eventually

102 be taking their waste (approx. 65,000 tons/year) to IRL (Utah County) through Ace Disposal, and will no longer

103 taking their waste to SLVSWMF after June 2019.

104 ***NUERA*** – The committee decided to purchase the CAT D8 machine from Wheeler Machinery, and will be

105 delivered mid-April. At the recent O&M Committee Meeting Neil Schwendiman from Washington County came

106 in to speak on their experience with a private company operating their landfill. North Pointe Board Members

107 have requested NUERA to look into the concept of a private company operating Bayview Landfill, so the O&M

108 Committee asked Neil to review how well it's working out for Washington County. Neil stated that there are

109 trust issues, and that the County is looking into taking over the landfill operations in house.

110 ***Rate Schedule Discussion*** – Mark handed out a redline draft of the proposed Fee Schedule. The proposal

111 includes a gate rate increase from \$30 to \$31 per ton, and the \$2/ton increase to our member cities. These

112 increases will help produce additional revenue as we anticipate running short of expenses for the next few

113 years. This rate will is still lower than the other landfills in the area. Jason asked if there will be a discussion on

114 the member city rates next meeting. Mark noted that we will have the discussion when we speak about the

115 budget in the April Board meeting.

116 ***Mattress Disposal*** – Mark spoke about the issues with mattresses in the landfill. Since mattresses do not

117 compact well, we are losing airspace. At our current rate schedule, we are losing money on a cubic yard basis

118 when we take the mattresses to the point where we actually subsidize mattress disposal. If we were going to try

119 to cover the cost of our airspace so that we could collect as much on that space as we do when we compact

120 regular MSW into that space, we would need to charge \$200 per ton for mattresses. In order to cover some of

121 the lost costs, we would like to start charging \$15 for each mattress piece. Currently, we only charge for any

122 units over three in a load. Dave noted that this topic is going to be discussed in a NUERA meeting and suggested

123 that we wait until after that meeting is held.

124 ***SWANApalooza*** – Mark recently attended the SWANApalooza event in Denver and spoke on his experience.

125 ***City Council Meetings*** – Mark reminded the board that he would like to present to each of the city councils

126 regarding our proposed 5-6 year fee schedule structure, why we are looking at fee increases and recycling.

127 Some meetings have already been scheduled and the others will be scheduled soon.

128 ***Google Survey*** – Neil Schwendiman is putting together a simple google survey that he would like Utah Landfills

129 to fill out regarding waste. Mark would like to send it out to the board and they can complete what they would

130 like. Russ noted that Esther just gathered the cities' waste information that could be completed by Trans-

131 Jordan. Mark agreed that Trans-Jordan will complete as much as we can and ask if we need more information.

132 No other business was discussed.

133 *Russ Kakala* made a motion to adjourn the meeting and *Steve Siddoway* seconded the motion. The meeting  
134 adjourned at 10:05 a.m.