



Board Meeting September 21, 2023

Meeting Location: Trans-Jordan Landfill

**Attending:**

Kane Loader, Chairman – Midvale City  
Lynn Potter – Murray City  
Robert Markle – Draper City  
Brian Clegg – West Jordan City

Paul Browning\* – Sandy City  
Troy McDougal – Riverton City  
Jason Rasmussen – South Jordan City

12	Glen Kennedy – Midvale City	Ray Garrison – South Jordan City
13	Cary Necaise – Riverton City	
14	Brenda Bingham – Secretary	Jordan Hensley – Treasurer

**15 Also Attending:**

Jaren Scott – Executive Director  
Steve Rowley – K&C CPA (left after audit presentation)  
Cherie Anderson – IRL  
Jason Turville – Trans-Jordan Cities  
Jill Fletcher – Trans-Jordan Cities

Craig Hall – TJ Counsel  
Chris Sayler – Draper City Employee  
Patrick Craig\* - SLVSWMF  
Olivia Resendez – Trans-Jordan Cities  
Hayley Shaffer\* - SLCoHD

\*Indicates on-line attendance

Absent

N/A

## 1. Welcome and Roll Call

Kane Loader called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. A verbal roll call was taken and all in attendance are listed above for the record.

## 2. Public Comment

Kane opened the meeting to public comment. No public comments were made.

### 3. Approval of August 2023 Meeting Minutes

The floor was open to comments or requested revisions to the August 2023 Minutes. No revisions were requested.

*Lynn Potter* made a motion to approve the August 2023 Board Meeting Minutes and *Troy McDougal* seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. Audit Report

Steve Rowley, K&C CPA reported to the Board on the completion of the most recent audit for FY 2022 – 2023. Steve read the audit statement to the Board. The statement reflects that financials reviewed are materially correct, they can be relied upon, and they meet the State Auditors requirements to receive an unmodified opinion. Steve reviewed how they determined that the financial statements meet the requirements set by the State Auditors office and Governmental Auditing standards. In addition, Steve reviewed the audit report that

40 was sent to the Board and opened the discussion to questions regarding the information presented. The  
41 following area a few areas covered in the presentation:

42     • Craig Hall inquired about the retirement reporting inclusion on the audit report as Trans-Jordan does  
43       not have any control over the URS system. Steve explained that it is a State requirement and proceeded  
44       to speak about the information received and reported in that area.

45     • Review of the controls at Trans-Jordan. Steve reported that no weaknesses in controls were discovered  
46       during the audit.

47     • Compliance with laws, rules and regulations was reviewed and no errors or issues were discovered.

48     • Compliance with the State Auditor Compliance Guide. A review of the compliance areas required by the  
49       State Auditors office was conducted. The audit opinion is that there were no weaknesses or deficiencies  
50       in the state requirement areas.

51 **5. Green Waste Program Discussion**

52 Agenda items 7 & 8, Green Waste Program Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 23-07, was moved  
53 forward in the agenda to accommodate schedules for those who may have to leave the meeting early.

54 *Jason Rasmussen* made the motion to move these items up in the agenda and *Brian Clegg* seconded the motion.  
55 The motion passed unanimously.

56 Jaren reviewed the following with the Board:

57     • On September 11, 2023 a devastating fire began at the green waste grinding pad at approximately 9:30  
58       p.m. Staff received a call from South Jordan's fire department who responded to calls from nearby  
59       residents. The fire department and staff fought the fire until 4:30 a.m. on September 12<sup>th</sup> and continued  
60       to work on the area fighting flare-ups the next day and continued the rest of the week.

61     • The fire totally destroyed the two of the main pieces of equipment needed to process green waste. An  
62       overview of the area was shown to the Board through pictures and ariel video.

63     • Replacement of the destroyed equipment is not an option as there are no grinding machines to rent or  
64       purchase within the timeframe needed.

65     • Green Waste is currently being accepted at the regular green waste disposal rate but being placed in the  
66       landfill. We need to have an emergency declaration to charge green waste the regular MSW rates.

67     • Recommendation to the Board is to permanently close all incoming green waste for diversion  
68       immediately. The program was already scheduled for closure beginning December 1, 2023 so this  
69       emergency situation necessitates a closure a few months early.

70     • Jaren recommended that we continue to take West Jordan Green Waste Curbside material at the  
71       current rate established for that waste until the end of their curbside program (November 30, 2023).

72     • Green Waste Product and Production was reviewed. Currently we have green waste in different stages  
73       of processing. Without a screener we are unable to complete the product production process. We have  
74       found a screener to rent if we choose to finish the material we already have in process. Jaren reviewed  
75       with the Board the costs associated with processing this waste into sellable product. The best-case  
76       scenario would be a gain of approximately \$79,000. The probability of not having issues that delay the  
77       processing timeline are high so we don't believe that we will net the \$79,000 and more than likely will  
78       net much less.

79     • If we do not process the material for sale an option is to use it for daily cover. The request to have the  
80       option has already been sent to the State DEQ so we can have that as an alternative.

81 The Board discussed the situation, the options presented, the pros and cons of the immediate closure of the  
82 program, and whether or not we should continue processing the waste already begun. The Board's decision was

83 to immediately close the Green Waste program, both incoming waste diversion and any product production and  
84 sales.

85 The program will close with an emergency decision to charge green waste as trash until a fee hearing to officially  
86 eliminate all green waste fees on a permanent basis. The fee hearing will be held on October 11, 2023 with a  
87 final resolution to be passed on October 12, 2023.

88 Waste from the West Jordan Curbside Green Waste program will continue to be charged the established rate for  
89 this material until November 30, 2023.

90 **5. Consideration of Resolution #23-07, Green Waste Closure**

91 *Jason Rasmussen* made a motion to approve Resolution #23-07, Green Waste Program Closure and *Troy*  
92 *McDougal* seconded the motion.

93 Roll Call Vote:

94 Draper City -	Yes	95 Midvale City -	Yes	96 Murray City -	Yes
Riverton City -	Yes	Sandy City -	Yes	South Jordan City -	Yes
West Jordan City -	Yes				

97 **6. Financial Report**

98 Jordan Hensley reported on the August 2023 Financial Statements. The financial statements were sent out to  
99 the Board as well as a summary in the presentation, both of which are saved in the board packet.

100 The following are highlights from the report:

- 101 • No new fixed assets were recorded or received in August 2023
- 102 • Insurance process regarding the loss of the two green waste machines was covered. We insure our  
103 equipment for purchase price, so the two items together were insured for a little over \$1 million.  
104 Inspectors from the insurance agency have already come out and started their investigation but we do  
105 not know the result yet. Jordan also explained that we keep insurance on our equipment at purchase  
106 price not replacement value. If we want to look at changing insurance to replacement value we would  
107 have to look at those values each year. Jordan believes that our current practice is good way to  
108 continue but if the Board wants to revisit that process it can be reviewed. No recommendations to  
109 change practice were made.
- 110 • Demand for the landfill was higher this August vs last August. We took in 7.7% more tons and 8.2%  
111 more loads. This August was the highest demand in our history.

112 **7. Legal Report**

113 Craig Hall reported on the following:

114 *E-Waste:* Craig talked about the status of the progress of E-Waste Recycling Legislation. We are still looking for  
115 a sponsor of the bill. Craig would like to suggest that the Board consider putting a ban of E-Waste in the landfill.  
116 This being on our agenda for a discussion will show the importance of the situation. The request will be  
117 considered for a future meeting. Troy suggested that the board members go back to their cities and  
118 representatives to get support on this issue.

119 **8. Executive Director's Report**

120 Jaren Scott reported on the following:

121 *Transfer Station Updates* – Earthwork at the transfer station is underway. The area for the tunnel has been  
122 excavated. The Board talked about the drainage in the tunnel area. Jaren explained the process that has been  
123 devised for drainage on the site.

124 *Bayview / NUERA Update* – The power for the flare is currently being installed. We will start burning the gas  
125 before Pinecreek puts in their system. Flaring the gas will keep us in compliance with regulations.  
126 *Solid Waste Tipping Fee Trends* – Jaren reviewed information regarding tipping fee increases across the nation.  
127 An article in Waste Today reported that tipping fees have risen nation wide 11% each year since COVID. In  
128 Wasatch County / Duchesne Solid Waste rates have increased by 50% over the past two years. This helps put  
129 into perspective what is happening around the country and not just for our rates, which are primarily increasing  
130 due to transfer station related needs / costs.  
131 *Post Office Box* – The Post Office will now deliver mail to our physical site. This this change we will start phasing  
132 out our PO Box over the next several months.  
133 *Staff Recognition* – Jaren expressed his gratitude for the staff at Trans-Jordan. Examples of how the staff  
134 stepped up during the fire emergency and dedication to the company were given.

135 **10 & 11. Executive Sessions**

136 There was not a need for any executive sessions.

137 **13. Chairman's Items**

138 Kane spoke about coming out to see the facility after the fire and the first thing that struck him was how close  
139 the houses are to our facility. After he left the landfill he took a drive through that subdivision to see from their  
140 perspective and can imagine how worried they must have been when the fire broke out. This confirmed to him  
141 that the Board made the right decision to close the green waste program as operating it with the encroachment  
142 on the landfill would not be a good situation.

143 Kane reminded the Board of the change in date for the October meeting to October 12, 2023 rather than the  
144 originally scheduled date of October 19, 2023. A fee hearing will be held at Trans-Jordan on Wednesday,  
145 October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. for the elimination of green waste fees.

146 **15. Adjournment**

147 *Troy McDougal* made a motion to adjourn and *Brian Clegg* seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at  
148 9:00 a.m.