

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MARCH 12, 2020

8 PRESENT

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were;

Clinton – Schemers
Charlotte – Kleinschmidt
Grand Mound - Fischer

DeWitt – Chrones
Delmar – Goodall
Low Moor – Pray

Camanche – Varner
Goose Lake – Farrell

We have 8 votes present; 5 votes needed for majority and 6 needed for a super majority.

Clinton made a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes. Low Moor seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR: Delmar made a motion to approve the Unanimous Consent Calendar. Goose Lake seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: ASSESSMENT OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES: STARTS AT 6:32 PM.

Attending from the public is Don Horst and Toby Mullins.

Nathan Ohrt of Barker Lemar Engineering – Talk about plan to address it and receive feedback on it.

Impact is vinyl chloride in one well. Regulatory limit is 2 parts per billion. Not very much. Your measurement is 2 and half parts per billion. Therefore remedial action is required. Landfill gas is the cause of this impact.

Bracketing wells were placed downstream from the impacted well. Impact is very limited and is near the southeast corner of the waste. It's not moving any further. It's contained well within property boundaries. These wells will be sampled for life of landfill plus 30 years, basically in perpetuity.

The remedy is the eventual building over unlined areas with lined caps. The vinyl chloride hit is a result of the old pre-subtitle D way of landfilling. Phase E-1 was built and slowed leachate and gas generation in the impacted area. Eventually Phase E-2 will also improve this, too. Also natural attenuation will take place and this compound will break down.

Must select corrective actions and have financial assurance on these corrective actions.

Don Horst: Wanted to know the location of the well. It's in the south central portion of property.

Camanche: This is contained? Yes.

Toby Mullins: How deep are the wells? Ohrt: 25-35 feet below ground surface.

Delmar: Where is the contaminant coming from? Ohrt: unknown, but likely from decomposition of waste in old way of landfilling.

DeWitt: We're not building cell E-2 for a while. Ohrt: Cell E-1 is already improving the situation. Decomposition is already taking place.

Mullins: Was it wet when sampling? Ohrt: We sample in spring and fall of each year. Sampling over many years.

Clinton: What is legal obligation of us? Seward: we notified neighbors of public hearing and it was published in both newspapers of record. We've met what's required of us.

Clinton: We're doing what we need to, so we're sitting good right now. Ohrt: we're sitting great right now.

Camanche: Want to make sure we're not affecting drinking water. Ohrt: we aren't. No drinking water wells in landfill and no wells can be established within 1000 feet of the landfill.

Horst: Is it a runoff problem or underground issue? Seward: Underground issue and it's breaking down.

Closed public hearing at 7:01 PM.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT

- A.** Legislative Updates: The first funnel passed in late February. Several proposals did not survive including plastic bag and some bottle redemption changes. Some items of interest that did survive include:

House File 2534 (formerly House Study Bill 507) - Bottle Bill Reduction - The bill seeks to make multiple changes to the state's bottle and can redemption law.

First, it adds cans from high alcohol beer and canned cocktails to the list of items that are charged a 5-cent deposit. It also allows a retailer to opt out of accepting bottles and cans if they provide notice to the DNR and are within a 10-mile radius of a redemption center. The bill would take effect July 1, 2021. Approved by committee referred to Ways and Means.

House File 2458 (formerly House File 2240) - Wild Animal Disease Zones (F) - The bill adds chronic wasting disease to the definition of infectious or contagious diseases thus allowing the Department of Agriculture to control the disease in animals under that department's jurisdiction. The bill also allows the Department of Natural Resources to establish wild animal disease zones to control or prevent the spread of diseases in wildlife. On House debate calendar.

Senate File 2060 - Scenic Byways Fund - The bill establishes a new Scenic Byways Fund in the Department of Transportation for the support, development, maintenance and enhancement, including litter prevention, of scenic byways. For each application or renewal of a vehicle registration country treasurers are required to ask each applicant to make a voluntary contribution to the fund. Approved by subcommittee.

- B.** Education: Enviro Kids Program for 2020: The Enviro Kids Program will tour our facilities on June 6th.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Andrew Phillips of Barker Lemar Engineering – We have the bid item and financial assurance for you tonight. Groundwater pump has been changed out.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer, Jr. of Rittmer, Inc. – Everything has been going ok with us. Battling wind. Lots of litter collection going on. New tarps have arrived and waiting to be deployed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: Low Moor asked for a revised pamphlet for what and how items should be recycled for city of Low Moor. Send it to the city clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Out of County Single Stream Recycling – Discussion & Potential Action – Seward: The board wanted more information on some of the proposed recycling that could be coming in. I spoke to Eric Tietjens from the City of Preston. It picks up curbside. It hauls twice a week on a trailer sorted material currently. Preston currently hauls about 2800 pounds a week. Republic Services also contacted me yesterday and asked about the City of Maquoketa, which is comparable in size to DeWitt. I told the Republic Rep that we were thinking about charging out of county. He said he understood and may be interested.

As for our numbers, we studied a little deeper. We can put 18-19 tons on the trailer. That means hauling cost is \$26-\$27 per ton. To fully load a truck, if material is already on the floor, it takes about three hours, at about \$45 an hour for labor. Add in the labor to the trucking costs and divide it by that 18-19 tons, then it pencils out to about \$33-35 per ton.

DeWitt: That's the breakeven point.

Camanche: My feeling is we have an opportunity to bring in this material, but we shouldn't lose money.

Clinton: What are other counties charging? Seward: Jackson is shutting down. I don't know what Dittmer in Dubuque is charging. Scott County is not charging municipalities if they can guarantee so much.

Clinton: How much more material would we be bringing in? Seward: Probably at least two more compactor trucks from Maquoketa if we got them and 2800 lbs. from Preston per week.

DeWitt: Can our current contractor handle extra trips? Seward: He should be able to handle it. We ship three days a week this would likely push us up to four trips per week.

DeWitt: These people are looking at a number. I added 25% to the \$35 per ton. It should not be less than that cost.

DeWitt made a motion to charge \$44 per ton for out of county recycling. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Schemers - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes

Camanche – Varner- Yes

Charlotte – Kleinschmidt – Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Goose Lake – Farrell – Yes

Grand Mound – Fischer - Yes

Low Moor – Pray - Yes

Motion passes 8-0. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Phase 2 Landfill Cell Project Bid Award

ATTACHMENT # 2

Five bids were returned for the Cell Project. The low bid is from Connolly Construction at \$1,041,514.12. Barker Lemar is recommending awarding the contract to Connolly Construction as the low bid.

DeWitt: I had some questions on this and did some research. It was good to have two bids below the engineer's estimate.

I brought up the Kueter and Steger bids in the past. Steger's bid was approximately \$1.4 million and they did the last cell. I was curious what was missed. I don't want a bunch of change orders on this project to come back to what other's known in the process.

I checked references and they came back good.

We want dirt in a certain place and there was a work on a side slope that needed to be done.

What I was hoping to garner from this and I know it's not normal, but it would nice if we could get a project without change orders.

Can I get assurance that you're not going to charge any change orders?

Scott Boyle of Connolly Construction: We not here to go after change orders. The bulk of the change orders are directed by the agency where they didn't like how the plan was laid out. We're not there to go and say I got you. That's not what we do. If there's one that comes up it would be a change of conditions.

DeWitt: I ask again if you can guarantee there's not going to be a change order? Boyle: That's the number we're going to go forward with, but I cannot guarantee there's not going to be a change order.

DeWitt: In that respect, I will ask the second lowest bidder, Rittmer, the same question. Rittmer has familiarity with the facility. If given the opportunity, would you be willing to go ahead and guarantee there would be no change orders to your bid price?

Jeff Rittmer: We did our own calculations.

DeWitt: I didn't expect that you would say yes. But basically you're saying that's the number.

B.J. Bauman of Rittmer: when we say yes, there's some investment that was done prior to the bid. We verified those quantities with calculations and topo. From doing a few of those numbers in the past, we account for some of those changes already.

DeWitt: If we go with Rittmer, then we keep the money in Clinton County, too.

Low Moor: this is their back yard and we have a contract with them as our operator. So there should be quality work.

Low Moor made a motion to accept Rittmer, Incorporated's bid for the project of \$1,164,351.30, with the conditions that there are no change orders. Grand Mound seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes

Camanche – Varner- Yes

Charlotte – Kleinschmidt – Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes

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Clinton – Schemers - Yes

Motion passes 8-0. Motion unanimously carried.

B. 2020 Financial Assurance Proposal

PROPOSAL #1

Before you is the Financial Assurance Proposal for 2020. The projected the deposit into the Financial Assurance Account is \$99,482. This is about \$30 thousand higher than last year's deposit; this can mainly be attributed to the bedrock wells, which were installed. The deposit will likely go up again next year because of the new cell being built.

Delmar made a motion to accept the Financial Assurance Proposal. Camanche seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Camanche – Varner- Yes
Goose Lake – Farrell – Yes
Clinton – Schemers - Yes

Charlotte – Kleinschmidt – Yes
Grand Mound – Fischer - Yes
DeWitt – Chrones - Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Low Moor – Pray – Yes

Motion passes 8-0. Motion unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: DeWitt asked if we can place a topic on next month's meeting about the potential for county drop-off sites for recycling.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until April 9th, 2020, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:40 PM.