

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY**  
**MAY 14, 2020**

9 PRESENT

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were;

Clinton – Schemers	Clinton County – Determann	DeWitt – Chrones
Camanche – Varner	Andover – Kedley	Delmar – Goodall
Goose Lake – Farrell	Low Moor – Pray	Welton - Vosatka

We have 9 votes present; 5 votes needed for majority and 6 needed for a super majority.

Andover made a motion to approve the April 9, 2020 minutes. Goose Lake seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR:** Andover made a motion to approve the Unanimous Consent Calendar. Low Moor seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT –**

**A. DNR Inspection Report – West (Closed) Landfill**

**ATTACHMENTS # 1 & # 2**

The DNR inspected the Closed- West Landfill site in Welton in early April. During the inspection a new leachate seep was found, some ponding in the northwest corner of the waste boundary was witnessed and some new erosion ruts were noted. The DNR communicated they wanted a plan back to them by mid-May, which is this week.

A response was drafted to the DNR letter. It's proposed by July, work will take place to excavate and plug the leachate seeps, areas of ponding will be graded or filled to improve drainage, ruts will be regarded, and areas disturbed will be reseeded.

**ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Brad Seward**

**A. Landfill Activities Status**

**ATTACHMENT # 3**

Most of the items tonight will be addressed under other agenda items.

**B. Closed Landfill Inspections**

i. East Site

**ATTACHMENT # 4**

Some minor erosion was noted near the larger repair area from last year in the north portion of the closed area. It's proposed that erosion will be addressed and reseeded.

ii. West Site

**ATTACHMENT # 5**

The West Site Inspection by Barker Lemar took place in late April. Similar conditions to the DNR Inspection were noted.

**B. Active Area Inspection –** Erosion was noted along the south portions of active area. Barker Lemar's inspector notified Rittmer Staff of the issues.

**LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Brad Seward**

**A.** Called Jeff Rittmer today. Other than rain things are being handled pretty well. Litter has been being picked up.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:**

Clinton County shared a newspaper story from Des Moines about a county discontinuing a recycling drop off site due to vandalism and illegal dumping.

DeWitt: We want to go ahead and do a test for about three months. We got a price from Allied and its \$275 per pull to bring recyclables to CCASWA. We have to find a spot to do this. Since the taxes have already been accounted for, we are asking the agency if it will pay for the hauling. Since the agency is getting the money from the county.

DeWitt: I would like the staff to keep an eye on this container to check the cleanliness of materials. This is to make sure illegal dumping is not taking place. I expect this is going to be dumped every month or two.

Goose Lake: Make sure it's clean.

DeWitt: Not sure how fast this would fill up. I just want to do a 90 day trial to see if this is viable.

Goose Lake: How would this be advertised? DeWitt: Likely word of mouth first.

Clinton County: For three months I'm ok with it.

Delmar: How large of a container are you looking at?

Seward: Usually 20 yard roll off.

Camanche: Let's bring this to a vote under Emergency Business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Landfill Phase 2 Update – Construction has begun. Work has been slow due to recent rains. A large portion of the cell materials has arrived. Our first payment is also due for the cell, too, \$330,000 approximately.

Low Moor: When should this be finished?

Seward: Expected completion date is in August.

- B. Barker Lemar Contracts for Fiscal Year 2021

- i. Regulatory Assistance **PROPOSAL # 1**  
Compensation is not to exceed \$26K. This is the same as last contract.

- ii. Annual Services **PROPOSAL # 2**  
This amount only increased because of moving the active area inspections into the Annual Services, instead of having a fourth contract.

- iii. SCADA/ Field Maintenance **PROPOSAL # 3**  
Compensation is not to exceed \$14K. Same as last contract.

Seward: Essentially it's one year contract at the same rate.

Delmar made a motion to approve all three Barker Lemar Contracts. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Schemers - Yes	Clinton County – Determann -Yes	DeWitt – Chrones – Yes
Camanche – Varner -Yes	Andover – Kedley – No vote was heard	Delmar – Goodall -Yes
Goose Lake - Farrell - Yes	Low Moor – Pray - Yes	Welton – Vosatka – Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**C. Wage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021**

**RESOLUTION # 1**

The committee met last week. It was recommended that a 2.5% increase be approved for the staff wages. There will also be a small increase in insurance rates, but the agency is still only asking the full-time employee contribution remain 8%. The other topic is my evaluation, which I request to be done in closed session. We would need board to perform that evaluation, preferably before next meeting, which hopefully will be in person.

Goose Lake made motion to approve the wage resolution. Camanche seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Determann -Yes  
Andover – Kedley – Yes  
Low Moor – Pray - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes  
Delmar – Goodall -Yes  
Welton – Vosatka – Yes

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

Motion passes 9-0.

As for the evaluation of the Director of Operations, Clinton will spearhead the process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Potential Livestock Carcass Management –** We’ve been approached by officials representing pork producers. Some producers are considering euthanizing pigs because of the effects on the meat packing plants created by Covid-19. Officials are curious if the agency would accept any of these carcasses. If yes, then how many and at what rate. I told them I wanted to speak with the board and operator about that, but I told them it could be up to \$88 per ton because hog carcasses would be hard to handle.

After speaking with Jeff Rittmer, he indicated he would ask for \$100 per ton compensation for his company alone. We would likely have to just dig the trenches to bury the hogs in. He indicated that with cell construction that he feels we just don’t have the space for hog carcasses.

ISOSWO also came out with guidance and said landfilling should be a last case scenario for potentially euthanized livestock.

Goose Lake: agrees with ISOWO’s stance.

Seward: We have a hard to handle rate.

Low Moor: We have a lot on our plate rate now. It’s busy and we don’t have a lot of room.

DeWitt: There’s a lot going on right now. If Rittmer doesn’t think we should do it, then let’s not do it.

Clinton County: Let’s just tell them we’re not interested at this point.

Delmar: I heard that if they have to go to the landfill, then the state may subsidize it anyway. We may not be able to put a high enough price on it.

Seward: We don’t have the capacity for this and the rate is not set.

Camanche: Board is in consensus that we should not take those hog carcasses.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:**

- A. Faherty Waste:** I was approached this week by Greg Faherty of the Faherty transfer station in Platteville, Wisconsin. He approached the agency back in 2015 about bidding on his 25K tons of

transfer waste. His current contract is with Dubuque, but is increasing. He is curious if we would be willing to put a price in for the material or if we were even interested?

Seward: I'm not sure we need the 25 thousand tons of waste. We will fill up the cells faster.

The board made an offer back in 2015 and another offer was taken.

Camanche: We have enough going on.

Welton: What would that total do for capacity? Have you looked at those numbers?

Seward: It would be 150% of what we do now. You would shorten the life of the cells.

General consensus is to decline to bid on the material.

- B. Preston Recycling-** City of Preston contacted us today. They are willing to pay the out of county recycling rate of \$44 per ton and plan to begin bringing us recycling starting in July.

Andover made motion to approve 1 year contract with Preston for recycling. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes  
Delmar – Goodall -Yes  
Welton – Vosatka – Yes

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

Andover – Kedley – Yes  
Low Moor – Pray - Yes  
Clinton County – Determann -Yes

Motion passes 9-0.

- C. DeWitt Recycling Fees:** Delmar made motion to approve the agency paying for the DeWitt recycling transportation costs for the trial period of three months. Andover seconded. . Roll call vote was taken.

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

Andover – Kedley – Yes  
Low Moor – Pray - Yes  
Clinton County – Determann -Yes

Delmar – Goodall -Yes  
Welton – Vosatka – Yes  
DeWitt – Chrones – Yes

Motion passes 9-0.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until June 11th, 2020, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:11 PM.