

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

9 PRESENT

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

Clinton – Schemers	Clinton County – Determann	DeWitt – Chrones
Camanche – Varner	Andover – Kedley	Delmar – Goodall
Goose Lake – Farrell	Grand Mound – Fischer	Low Moor – Pray

We have 9 votes present; 5 votes needed for majority and 7 needed for a super majority.

Clinton made a motion to approve the July 9, 2020 minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT CALENDAR:** Camanche 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- the DNR conducted a site inspection on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The inspector noted several observations outlined in the attached report. There was nothing that was noted as a deficiency. It was basically just a report with a lot of comments on the operation. No follow-up visit was noted as needed.
- B. Ten Hour Landfill Operator Training Refresher – The class for Rittmer’s certified staff and some of our landfill operators will be tomorrow here at the recycling center. Evora is conducting the training.

**ENGINEER SITE REPORT – No report**

- A. Landfill Activities Status ATTACHMENT # 1

**LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer of Rittmer, Inc.**

Everything is going well on our end. We got green light for the new cell today.

We will have to pump out the storm water from the new cell before we take garbage.

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

DeWitt: We’re still a couple of weeks out from placing the recycling dumpster in DeWitt. The delay is due to construction. I will be in communication with you about that.

Clinton: Thanked the organization for the extended hours and brush acceptance after the derecho. He has received positive feedback.

Clinton wanted to ask if the Facebook account gets updated. Seward: does not get updated much.

Clinton County: What about county brush drop sites? Will we be getting that? Seward: Brush from the Elvira site was brought in.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Storm Debris Update – Almost 8000 brush vehicles have come in since the derecho in August. We may have a few options for handling the over 50 thousand cubic yards of brush.

Option one is grinding. We have applied with the state have a contractor come in and grind said brush. The state would select the contractor and pay the contractor, if we are selected and we have applied to be one of the grinding sites.

One caveat is that we can't sell the mulch from the grinding.

Option two is burning. We have requested a variance to from DNR to allow for open burning of brush on site until next August. The variance request is in the comment phase. This is being considered also.

We did pay out of overtime last month. Again we have applied for government assistance and are seeking assistance with overtime payments and machine hours.

The executive board has met several times to discuss this process. Currently we are shooting for Saturday to be the last day of free public disposal. The City will be allowed to continue with its free disposal until they quit hauling on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Low Moor: Are you getting a lot of people coming in with brush. Seward: Just a handful of questions on when the free brush disposal would continue until. Some people mentioned the rainy week.

Camanche: Issues getting people to remove hanging limbs up in the trees.

Andover: Still a fair amount of clean up out there.

Camanche: Let's go to the 25<sup>th</sup> and match the city of Clinton.

DeWitt made a motion to continue free brush disposal for Clinton County residents until September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Grand Mound seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Clinton County – Determann -Yes  
Andover – Kedley – Yes  
Grand Mound – Fischer – Yes

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes  
Delmar – Goodall -Yes  
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Motion passes 9-0.

Grand Mound asked if mulch can be used in cover. It can be used sparingly in cover. Mulch is great for wet weather mud reduction.

Clinton: Has mulch process started? Seward: No. We ground pre-storm brush the week after the derecho.

Clinton: Asked if we could be reimbursed for this previous grinding? Seward: We can ask.

Questions asked about if we could charge a loading fee or if we could ask for donations.

- B. Landfill Phase 2 Update – DNR approved waste disposal in the new cell today.
- C. West Landfill Repair Update – The Welton project came in under deadline and under budget. It's complete.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Hooklift Truck Purchase Proposals **PROPOSALS # 1, 2, & 3**  
We have three hook truck proposals. Two for a new 2021 model truck. Then there is a 2017 with 800 and some miles on it. That truck was never titled and has the full warranty for \$85K. Killburg did not include foam filled tires \$400 per tire. So that would add about \$1600.

Grand Mound: That whole public drop off site has driven me nuts since day one. Can that \$100 thousand be used somewhere else? Can it be in the bid just for somebody like Rittmer to do it? You lose the employee and the \$100K in the truck to do it. 4

Delmar: It's an incredible convenience for the public.

Grand Mound: It's charged \$44 if it goes there or to the landfill.

DeWitt: Is it more that when you put the smaller vehicles in with the big vehicles does it create hazards and bottlenecks?

Seward: We get a lot of people that won't go to the landfill. We do catch things that shouldn't be thrown away such as appliances and paint.

Seward: There have been days with COVID in which 200 vehicles were served and that would have created a lot of congestion at the landfill. I know the operators like it.

Grand Mound: We as a landfill wouldn't have to pay \$100 K if he (Rittmer) ran it. He would arrange a loader and truck. \$100 is a lot of money.

Low Moor: What else do use this type of truck for? Seward: Recycling uses the truck to get rid of unrecyclable items. The truck is not failing. We can also ask about purely used trucks. But we would need a range to shop in.

Grand Mound: \$100 grand is \$100 grand. Plus the wage, plus the benefits, plus the loader.

Delmar: How old is the current truck? Seward: 2002 Ford F650.

Clinton County: This is because we don't want all the public at the working face right?

Low Moor: Maybe having Rittmer take care of it is a good idea, but we still should have the public drop off.

DeWitt: Which truck would you pick? Grand Mound: I know people that have hauled with smaller hook trucks. Seward: The 20K lb. hoist has been good for us. We bought it used in 2010 approximately.

Rittmer: Everybody goes to the landfill on Saturday. Seward: Staffing and the crazy lines that would be taking place on Saturday influence that. Access on the road to the Quonset hut would be bad on Saturdays. Some Saturdays we do as many as 150 vehicles in 5 hours.

Delmar: Don't get as many big trucks on weekends.

Seward: We get people that say they aren't coming on Saturdays because of public drop off. People are spoiled and that's great. A lot of people say it's a great setup and they like it.

Grand Mound: You're double handling it unless you charge more.

DeWitt: We still have to have a truck.

Seward: If we get a used truck, I still need a price range.

DeWitt: Sounds like we are not going to have a decision on this tonight. We still have a lot of questions.

Rittmer: Should I prepare a proposal for next month? Clinton: I think that's a great idea.

Seward: I will let you know the employee involved will push back. She's been afraid of this happening.

Andover: What happens to her? Seward: I don't know. That's what the organization will decide.

Andover: I think the public drop-off is great. Grand Mound: It will still be around. DeWitt: It's not going away.

Camanche: As far as the employee is concerned we will find some place for her.

Seward: I need a range for a used truck. Grand Mound \$40K to \$50K range.

Low Moor made a motion to table. Grand Mound seconded. . Motion unanimously carried.

- B.** Citizen's First Bank Closure/Post Closure CD – Our CD with Citizen's First Bank matured today. We have a ten grace period to make a decision on it. Officials with the bank are suggesting that our best investment would be to move this to a money market account. The best rate a CD can fetch right now is 0.6 percent. The money market is paying in the low 1 percent range. I think the best plan is to keep our eyes out for better CD rates and invest when they improve, but for now move this to money market account.

DeWitt: I wouldn't want to commit on something that low for five years.

Seward: I would advise going to the money market and watch for better rates.

DeWitt made a motion to approve moving the funds to a money market account at Citizen's First Bank. Clinton County seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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Camanche – Varner –Yes

Andover – Kedley – Yes

Delmar – Goodall -Yes

Goose Lake - Farrell - Yes

Grand Mound – Fischer – Yes

Low Moor – Pray - Yes

Clinton – Schemers - Yes

Motion passes 9-0.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:**

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until October 8, 2020, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:22 PM.