

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
APRIL 8, 2021

10 PRESENT

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

Clinton – Schemers
Camanche – Varner
Delmar – Goodall
Low Moor – Pray

Clinton County – Determann
Andover – White
Goose Lake – Mattis

DeWitt – Chrones
Charlotte – Snyder
Grand Mound – Fischer

We have 10 votes present; 6 votes needed for majority and 8 needed for a super majority.

Andover made a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes. Grand Mound seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT –

A. DNR Site Visit Update – DNR conducted a site visit on March 26th, while I was on vacation. Our Site Supervisor, Jason Bahnsen, accompanied the DNR field officer. I also called the field officer who conducted the visit when I returned. DNR staff did not indicate any major violations during their visit. As far as the official report, it has not been issued yet. I will update the board again next month.

B. Legislative Update – Passed out bills of interest sheet to board.

C. Website Update/Redesign Update – I have been in touch with Augustana about the website. A meeting to start the process is tomorrow morning.

D. Skid Steer Purchase Update – The skid steer has been ordered.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Brad Seward

A. Landfill Activities Status

ATTACHMENT # 1

Tristan Begtol from Evora and I conducted the closed site inspections this week at the North unit and in Welton. Overall, other than a few really small seeps at Welton and some seeding areas in the North Unit, the facilities were in pretty good shape.

B. Engineering / Consulting Contracts Update: Evora will bring a one year contract renewal to the board at the next meeting. Andrew Phillips could not make it tonight and wanted to be here to answer any questions on the topic before presenting it.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer, Jr. – Things have been going well outside of the machine fire on Monday. Nobody hurt and there was no damage to the red barn where the loader was at.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:

Clinton: There will be clean up along the river, in town, and along 13th Avenue North from Mill Creek Parkway to the landfill gate on Saturday, April 17th. The cleanup is being conducted by the city of Clinton and volunteers.

Clinton County: Brought out three loads and went very smooth. Staff did a nice job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Landfill Operations Contract Discussion:

Jeff Rittmer, Jr. has provided the board with a potential price for an extension to the landfill operations contract.

Rittmer: Looking for a two or three year extension. I would keep the base rate the same for up to 2100 tons per month (\$30K). The tonnage over 2100 tons per month would be \$7 per ton instead of the \$3 per ton amount. This is lower than the second lowest bid in 2018, which had the overage amount at \$10 per ton.

DeWitt: How many times over the past three years have we not taken in at least 2100 tons per month?

Seward and Rittmer agreed that it has come close a few times, but we've not been below that number.

DeWitt: 2100 tons remains a fair baseline then.

Rittmer: We get some slow months in the winter.

DeWitt: I certainly understand the value of wanting to look at this again. Is there any consideration in looking into a stepped increase, going from \$3 to \$7 per ton on the over the three year period? What are your thoughts on the stepped increases?

Rittmer: I could look at the numbers again. I will say the other two bidders in 2018 had a better idea of what they were dealing with than I did. One of them was Aaron Mink, who actually works for us now. He is doing a good job for us. I thought about how it was structured, too, but I can't predict how fuel could go up.

Seward: Is this a 2 or 3 year proposal? Rittmer: Could be either one.

Andover: I feel we get above and beyond what we pay for with Rittmer. They step up and I'm impressed.

Rittmer: I also considered the compaction bonus number, too, which is based off of the base rate, so I didn't want to increase it. It's a good motivator, but we are going to do it right either way.

DeWitt: Not having that bonus could lower that amount, too.

DeWitt made a motion to the extend Rittmer's operations contract by three years with the following terms: \$30,000 for up to 2100 tons per month, \$7 per ton for tonnage over 2100 per month, 10 cents per ton for asbestos processing, and 10 cents per ton for petroleum contaminated soil processing. Seconded by Clinton County. Roll call vote was taken.

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Motion passes 10-0.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: Bin There Dump That is a local roll-off company. They are asking for a discounted rate. I tried explaining to them that traditionally our minimum tonnage we've considered for the contract rate is 1500 tons per year. In the past 12 months Bin There Dump That has brought in only 781 tons. I said I would ask the board.

The board's consensus was to not offer a contract rate at this time.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until May 13, 2021, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:00 PM.