

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
DECEMBER 8, 2021**

8 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	Delmar – Goodall	Goose Lake – Mattis
Grand Mound – Lange	Low Moor - Pray	

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

Thanks to everybody who helped with the appetizers and anybody attending is welcomed to partake.

Clinton made a motion to approve October 14, 2021 minutes. Low Moor seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. Recycling Center Restroom Renovations Update – The restroom renovations are virtually complete. One toilet needs a pipe, but that’s it. Domestic Plumbing did a nice job on the renovations.
- B. January 2022 Board Meeting – Election of Officers / Board Packets - A quick reminder to anybody leaving the board to make sure your replacement gets his/her contact information to CCASWA for communications. Otherwise, please make sure your city clerk knows to send over the new board member’s contact information. January is also typically when the board selects officers.
- C. Christmas & New Years’ Holiday Hours **ATTACHMENT # 1**
CCASWA’s facilities will be closed ALL DAY Friday, December 24, 2021 Christmas Eve and Saturday, December 25, 2021 for Christmas Day. CCASWA’s facilities will be closed ALL DAY Friday, December 31, 2021 New Year’s Eve and Saturday, January 1, 2022 for New Year’s Day. Haulers have been notified.
- D. Natural / Real Christmas Tree Disposal **ATTACHMENT # 2**
The agency will once again accept real or natural Christmas Trees for free from residents from December 27th through January 8th. These will be ground into wood mulch. We usually get fewer than 50 Christmas trees roughly.
- E. Christmas Light Recycling **ATTACHMENT # 3**
Worn out Christmas lights are accepted through the metal recycling program. The wiring contains metal. This program goes for light strands and wiring year-round.
- F. Household Hazardous Waste Shipment - The yearly household hazardous waste shipment is scheduled for the 21st or 22nd of this month. The HHW will be shipped to Clean Harbors.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT Andrew Phillips- EVORA Engineering Consultants

- A. Landfill Activities Status – The entire sand layer of the newest landfill cell has been completed covered by the contract operator. No leachate ponding in the cell either.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer of Rittmer Inc.

- A. Landfill Operations Report – Things are going well. We did shut down all day Monday because of high winds.

Seward: We were going to try to open at 10 AM and at Noon, but the forecast did not improve, so we shut down for winds all day.

Clinton County: How many wind closures do we have per year? Seward: around six.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: Clinton: We will probably be increasing our building demolition budget in Fiscal Year 2022. There should be about the same number of houses, but also some business buildings, too.

Seward: Staying with that topic a bit. Looks like the Agency tonnage will be about 53K-54K for the calendar year. That would be up from just over 50K

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Trucking Contract **ATTACHMENT #4 / PROPOSALS #1, #2, #3**

Before you are the proposals for the trucking of recyclable materials. The current rate is \$485 per trip. The agency received three bids back. We have one representative from one of the companies here, Dennis Campbell of Crystal Creek Enterprises.

Campbell: We're interested in working with you and feel we could do a good job for you. I did have some questions Brad answered. It sounds like its paid out monthly. I originally wasn't sure of the pay schedule.

Seward: It's a monthly invoice for number of pulls, any arranged repairs, and detention time. We have not had to pay a detention time incident yet. Normally, they are in and out at Scott County.

Campbell: Would be willing to waive detention time. Also, with the payment information we would be willing to give a 2% discount for the way your agency pays. Originally, we were anticipating a 60-90 government payment structure, which is why we bid it that way.

Clinton: Just to be clear you're waiving the detention time? Campbell: Yes.

Campbell: If we have to take the trailer in for repairs, then I would assume compensation would be arranged. Seward: Correct.

DeWitt: What an amazingly competitively close bid process.

DeWitt: With the 2% proposed reduction, it's a \$1500 difference over three years.

Clinton County: Is it the same price for three years? Seward: In 2023 there is the potential for a fuel escalator to be built in.

Grand Mound: Hasn't there been a problem with the current hauler before? Trucks breaking down and such? Seward: No issues. Anytime there has been a problem with truck repairs Betts has gotten a substitute hauler here to get the loads out. We have not had a problem getting a truck here.

Clinton County: Betts is from Preston? Seward: Johnson is from Miles. Crystal Creek is from DeWitt.

Clinton County: Was the last contract 2 or 3 years? Three years according to Seward.

Low Moor asked how the fuel escalator is figure. Seward explained it's based on a formula based on the average regional diesel prices from the US Energy Information Administration.

Grand Mound: Detention time is based on waiting in line? Seward: Yes.

DeWitt: It's important for Clinton County to support Clinton County businesses, when possible.

Delmar: The last time did we have a Clinton County business bid? Seward: Yes, but the proposal was substantially higher than any of these bids.

Clinton County made a motion to approve a recycling hauling contract with Crystal Creek Enterprises. Grand Mound seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Clinton County – Determann - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Low Moor – Pray - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

B: Hauling Contract Rate Discussion - Contract Rate Discussion- We've had two smaller roll-off dumpster companies inquire about contract rates. This also made me examine our other haulers. Hensley Disposal is not meeting the 1500 tons of commercial per year promised.

Seward: This also begs the question what classification does the board consider roll-off dumpsters? Does the board consider these business wastes?

Camanche: I view roll-offs as a business.

DeWitt: Are we spot checking loads? Yes.

Seward: I have been approached by two roll-off companies. But I told those companies that the rule of thumb has been 1500 tons of garbage at a minimum before contract rates could be considered. I did say I would take it to the board.

Delmar: Should there only be one line? We're getting paid by the pound.

Seward: AT Disposal has had an account since March. They are projecting out to 1200 tons. It's a several edged prong.

Clinton County wanted clarification on the "All Clinton Total" Tons line of the sheet. Seward explained that it factors in yard waste exchanged for leachate discharged to the WWTP.

Rittmer: Instead of having all the prices, wouldn't make more sense to have a flat rate?

Clinton County: What would happen if we lowered it all to one rate?

Seward: If we lowered the rates, then we may have turn around and raise rates.

Phillips explained that there is a long-term financial plan that was created to show the effects of rate and tonnage changes.

Low Moor: Some of these companies say if they don't get a discount, then they will go other places.

Seward: There are three commercial contracts. Two of the three companies are meeting that threshold and the other is not.

DeWitt: For discussion purposes, if AT Disposal hits that 1500 ton mark after a year, then I would say that we could possibly offer them a similar contract. Do we have a conversation with Hensley that they are not meeting their contract? Camanche: I think we should, in all fairness.

Clinton County: Maybe give them another year with COVID and such.

DeWitt: So basically, if AT can hit the mark, then they can possibly get that deal also.

Low Moor: Why isn't the City of Clinton under a contract?

Seward: They are not hauling commercial waste.

Low Moor: What if we changed the tonnage to 1000 tons versus the 1500? Seward: That's up to the board.

Rittmer: That doesn't factor in inflation. Nothing is getting cheaper.

Rittmer: At some point you may have to increase all the rates. Seward: We're going to have a conversation about raising the tipping fees sometime in the next few years.

Clinton: I would say we need to hit the business rate a quicker and more. Seward: I think you may have a point there, too.

Low Moor asked about why Clinton didn't privatize? DeWitt: Clinton spent money on trucks and systems.

Low Moor asked about the current contract rates and how long they have been in place. Seward: They were raised two years ago.

Seward: We don't have to decide this tonight. We can table this. I told the haulers that this would likely not be decided tonight.

Clinton: Asked what all the cities pay. Seward: \$44 per ton.

Clinton why don't lower residential and raise commercial? Seward: We would have to consider possibly raising rates across the board. Clinton: Where are they going to drive with gas prices the way they are going? There's nothing close enough to save them money.

Seward: Some companies have software that directs their loads to a particular facility based on price per ton and fuel as factors.

Low Moor: We still need to bring in some garbage.

Seward: It would be a significant economic shift if some of the haulers completely disappeared.

Clinton: That's fine, whatever.

Seward: I'm not telling anybody they're wrong or anything.

DeWitt: I look forward to seeing your proposal next month.

Clinton: Maybe we should start charging for leachate.

DeWitt: We give you 2000 tons of yard waste per year. Clinton: Charge us then.

Camanche: What's the board's pleasure on this? Do you want to think about this for a month?

Clinton: Let's raise Clinton's rates right now. You guys want to play that way, then let's do it. Low Moor: I don't want to raise Clinton's rates. I was wondering why you weren't on a contract rate. Clinton: That's a good question. And that's what I'm trying to find out. Now that everybody has an equal vote, let's go for it.
Camanche: We aren't going to do that.

Low Moor: All the residential is \$44.

Clinton: This is what you've all waited for right? Camanche: No.

Delmar moved to table this discussion until next month. DeWitt seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

C. Banking Services RFP Update – The banking services RFPs have been sent out. We should get those back before the next meeting for consideration.

D. Consulting/Engineering RFP Discussion – I am preparing an RFP for consulting and engineering. Does the board want to see this before sending it out or should the executive board just handle it?

DeWitt: Executive Board should look at it.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS:

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until January 13, 2022, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:14 PM.