

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MARCH 10, 2022

8 PRESENT

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were;

DeWitt – Chrones
Charlotte - Snyder
Grand Mound – Lange

Camanche – Varner
Delmar – Goodall
Low Moor – Pray

Andover – White
Goose Lake – Mattis

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

Low Moor made a motion to approve January 13, 2022 minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Jeff Rittmer of Rittmer, Inc.: Off Road Diesel has jumped by a dollar per gallon or more. I want to see if there is a plan we could put in place if the price increases.

Camanche: I don't think that is out of line because this isn't your doing.

Rittmer: Generally, we ride this out, but when you start talking \$2-3 per gallon more for 1200 to 1500 gallons per month, that's a lot of money.

DeWitt: I need to gauge what the ask is. We started a fuel surcharge in our office.

Rittmer: We haven't seen a huge impact yet, but we will. We usually used around the \$3 mark as a baseline. I haven't gone through all of our fuel stuff yet. What we were doing in Muscatine was based on a price in the contract we signed and then they reimburse the difference.

DeWitt: A good plan of action is to calculate this over the next 30 days.

Ken Waechter of Crystal Creek Enterprises: Our situation's is a little different. We have a fuel escalator in the contract, but it doesn't kick in until January of 2023. We would look into this and start it a bit sooner.

DeWitt: What if we did a temporary fuel surcharge on tipping fees? To offset some of these costs. I'm thinking something temporarily.

Goose Lake: Are we contracted with these rates?

Seward: We have to give contract haulers a 60-day notice before raising rates. Big haulers will go back to the communities served and ask for more money.

DeWitt: We're all going to have to deal with it. There's no getting around it. Something is going to go ahead and give here.

Delmar: We have to set our budget yet.

DeWitt: We are changing contract and foundry sand, but nothing on the residential side yet. That was before all of this happened.

Low Moor: could do temporary for all of it. Camanche: might have to. Don't know when this is going to end.

DeWitt: anything temporary could be taken away.

Goose Lake: Are you looking to be compensated for the difference? Rittmer: Yes.

DeWitt: I'd like to start notifying the haulers that we could be adding a fuel surcharge.

Seward: If we do make a motion, then it needs to be under emergency business.

DeWitt: I don't mind if it's on next month's business.

Goose Lake: Can we hang on for a month? Rittmer and Waechter both indicated they could. DeWitt: Numbers would help us make a better decision.

Seward will work with Rittmer and Crystal Creek to bring back numbers for the meeting next month.

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. Legislative Update - I am handing out a summary of updates to proposed bills that could affect solid waste.
- B. Updates from the Executive Board – The Executive Board met on February 17th. The Executive Board selected Lectronics of Clinton for the fire alarm replacement (\$7860). Also approved were the changes to the Contract Commercial and Foundry Sand Rates by \$2 per ton. Out of County Recycling rates increased by \$1 per ton. A contract was approved for AT Disposal. The Executive Board also approved the creation of a west landfill post closure account. Banking Services through Citizens First Bank were selected. Also approved was the leachate maintenance and pump installation project through Evora for \$22,810. And the group also approved out of county appliance rates at \$10 per unit starting next fiscal year.

Low Moor: How does that ten-year plan look? DeWitt: It is every changing.

Delmar: I talked to Jackson County transfer station director. They plan to continue to bring appliances to our agency. I happened to find out Dittmer is charging more for appliances in Jackson County.

DeWitt: We need to update the ten-year plan every year. We will have to likely build a cell sooner than anticipated and it likely cost more than before. I'd like to look at this again so we don't get hurt on anything.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT Andrew Phillips- EVORA Engineering Consultants

Phillips: DeWitt is right. You need to keep looking into that long-term plan. Don't forget you will have to still build some smaller cells on the east side of the fill areas also for contamination control.

I was going to do a walk through on the active cell today, but there's not much to see. Rittmer has everything covered up, they've got a lot more fence up for litter control. This place looks the best it's looked in the past three years. I was impressed with what I saw today.

The leachate project we are working on it to remove debris and sediment from pipes. Plan to start in May.

Goose Lake asked about relining procedures and it that would help. Phillips doesn't believe it would help in this case.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer of Rittmer Inc.

- A. Landfill Operations Report – Everything is going better. We've put up a long of fencing and netting to try to contain litter. If we could keep all of the haulers' tarps and covers on until they get to the landfill so they don't lose litter along the road. Maybe a sign that says stay tarped until getting back to the disposal areas.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Trust Account Discussion/Possible Action – Chairman Varner and I went to inquire about this account. It is NOT directly invested in or tied to the stock market. This account started out in 2002 with about \$1.5 Million in it. It's averaging a return of a bit over 2% during that time.

We were looking for guidance on that.

Camanche: I wasn't comfortable making that decision on my own for that amount of money (\$2.1 Million).

Andover: What's the return right now?

Seward: It's down currently. It's averaging a bit over 2%. Citizens First is about 0.35 percent on its rates right now.

Seward: Do you want me to bring in Dave Helscher from Clinton National Bank.

Andover: Is it in a safe place right now? Seward: It's not tied to the stock market; it's tied to bond rates.

Andover: I'd like them to come a present and share what their thoughts are on what they can offer us.

Seward: I will bring these banks brought before the whole board. I will work to get Helscher from Clinton National Bank and a representative from Citizens First Bank to come before the board.

Low Moor: Have banking accounts been moved? Seward: Most have been.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Engineering/Consulting RFP Discussion/Possible Action **PROPOSAL # 1**

The RFP for Engineering and Consulting has been prepared. I'm sharing this with the board to see if they want any changes made to the RFP. I plan to send to the RFPs to several Midwest consultants including, Evora, Blackstone Environmental, Foth, HDR, SCS Engineers, Stanley Consultants. We plan to list this in the newspapers.

DeWitt: Check the dates throughout the proposal.

DeWitt: Why does Foth sound familiar? Seward: They did our single stream recycling study.

Camanche made a motion to approve. Andover seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes
Charlotte – Snyder - Yes
Grand Mound – Lange -Yes

Camanche – Varner - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Low Moor – Pray - Yes

Andover – White - Yes
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Motion approved 8-0.

- B. 2022 Financial Assurance Proposal **PROPOSAL # 2**

Before is the financial assurance proposal for 2022. The incoming levy from the county will cover this amount (\$169,054). \$200 thousand will go to FA and \$25 thousand to the west post closure account. All we basically need is an approval.

Delmar made a motion to approve. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Camanche – Varner - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Low Moor – Pray – Yes

Andover – White – Yes
Goose Lake – Mattis – Yes
DeWitt – Chrones - Yes

Charlotte – Snyder - Yes
Grand Mound – Lange -Yes

Motion approved 8-0.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: None

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until April 14, 2022, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:27 PM