

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

8 PRESENT

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

Clinton - Schemers	Clinton County – George	DeWitt – Chrones
Camanche – Varner	Andover – White	Delmar – Goodall
Grand Mound – Lange	Wheatland - Heileman	

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

Clinton made a motion to approve January 12, 2023 minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. Legislative Update – The Governor discussed streamlining state government. Action took place this week on the Governor’s 1,500 + page proposed state reorganization bills, House Study Bill 126 and Senate Study Bill 1123. The Governor's plan reduces the number of executive branch cabinet agencies from 37 to 16, eliminates up to 515 vacant positions, and is estimated to save around \$214 million over the next four years. Based on our legislative communications from Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations and the Iowa Recycling Association, there is no mention of reorganizing DNR.

As of yet, no other proposals to change environmental rules have been shared by our partners.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Andrew Phillips of Evora Consulting

- A. Evora-SCS Engineering Merger – SCS Engineers has acquired Evora. At the end of February SCS will have bought out the assets of Evora. All Evora employees have been offered positions with SCS and the majority of them accepted those positions. SCS is a nationwide company compared with Evora who more centralized in Iowa. We can now reach to branches and divisions around the country.

Their time and materials rates will be a little bit higher, but contracts will be comparable. I think overall, SCS will be able to offer more resources for the agency.

Seward: SCS also has former Evora (Barker Lemar) employees on staff already. Jeff Phillips and Christine Collier.

Changeover to SCS will be March 1st.

- B. Landfill Activities Status – Phillips worked on some pump panel items today.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer, Jr. – Rittmer, Inc.

- A. Landfill Operations Report: Dealing with mother nature. Snow on top of mud. Cell is sloppy.

Seward: good use of mulch for mud control.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:

Clinton County: Talked about Senate Bill 1124. It’s in Weighs and Means Committee. Would have a negative impact on about 90 of Iowa’s 99 counties. It would consolidate levies and adjust levy rates down. The proposal would limit property tax growth, would affect bonding, and require additional reporting.

We have a 28E agreement, the county provides a levy for closure and post closure monies. We could be faced with a potential for some very large cuts if this bill passes. This could be dead in the water, but it's likely to not pass without major changes, but we have it on our radar.

Next update will be shared via zoom link. It is Clinton County Day at the Capitol March 1st and 2nd. Discussion about concerns with this proposal will likely take place, then also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Updated Bank Account Depository Resolution** **RESOLUTION # 1**
This is our standard bank depository resolution. This is something we do most every year.

It puts us in compliance with auditor regulations.

DeWitt made a motion to approve the resolution, as presented. Delmar seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Clinton – Schemers -YES	Clinton County – George - YES	DeWitt – Chrones - YES
Camanche – Varner - YES	Andover – White - YES	Delmar – Goodall – YES
Grand Mound – Lange – YES	Wheatland – Heileman – YES	

Motion passes 8-0.

- B. Recycling Forklift Replacement Proposals # 1,2,3,4,5 6, A, & B / ATTACHMENT # 1**
Before you are eight proposals for replacing our Kalmar forklift from four companies. Immediately one thing that sticks out is the one proposal for a used forklift. This was submitted to us, but I'm not sure "used" is what we are looking for.

I think Toyota, Crown, and Clark are top of the line models. Speaking with Sales reps, Doosan is up and coming and they are the company that makes the Bobcat machines

Something else to consider is the lead time. Kalmar, which has almost 10 thousand hours on it, is running properly right now and I think 8-10 weeks should be ok, but a year to 13 months could be asking a lot.

I think for the price and other considerations, we should strongly consider the Doosan bids.

DeWitt: Do employees have a preference? Seward: Seemed to want to go with Toyota, Crown, Clark, or Doosan.

DeWitt: asked if this forklift purchase could come out of the reserved fund for recycling. Seward: Yes.

Clinton: asked where the dealers were located. Seward: DreamWorks is in Morrison, IL. C&B is located in Bettendorf, IA. Hupp is Davenport. Crown is Des Moines.

Andover: Where are the Doosan techs? Seward: DreamWorks of Morrison already provides support for our current machines. C&B would be in Bettendorf.

Andover: What's wrong with current forklift? Seward: Injector has been replaced and not really fixing the problem. There are also 10 thousand hours on the machine and we've had it since 2005.

Clinton County: What's normal lifespan on it? Seward: I think we're past it on this Kalmar unit.

Andover: What's a rotator? Seward: it turns the cages over to empty them while on the forks.

Delmar: I think we'd be happier by going with a diesel or electric model. Lifting the LP cylinders onto the forklift to attach them is for fuel is an accident waiting to happen. My employer made us make a hoist to lift LP cylinders onto the forklift. We updated that for ten years. That's my two cents.

Delmar: How many hours a day do we use the forklift? Seward: 2-3 hours on an off. I bet we change the tanks once every three weeks.

Grand Mound: Would suggest diesel. DeWitt: Asked if we have a ventilation system in place already? Seward: Yes.

Seward: I have not priced diesel or electric out.

Delmar: Diesel will be more expensive.

DeWitt made a motion to table the issue. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

C. EVORA-SCS Transition Proposals **PROPOSALS # 7 & 8**

Before you are the transition documents to go from Evora to SCS Engineering. Professional Services and Environmental Compliance Proposals to be considered.

DeWitt: Andrew Phillips did answer questions before we got started stating this wasn't going to cost more over the remaining two and a half years of the existing contract. As long as those numbers don't change.

Camanche: It's more of a name change right? Phillips: There may some changes in wording. The costs are the essentially the same.

Clinton made a motion to approve Proposals 7 & 8 from SCS Engineers. Andover seconded the motion.

Clinton County – George - YES
Andover – White - YES
Wheatland – Heileman – YES

DeWitt – Chrones - YES
Delmar – Goodall – YES
Clinton – Schemers -YES

Camanche – Varner – YES
Grand Mound – Lange – YES

Motion passes 8-0.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS:

- A. Septic Tank Cleaning and Repairs: Seward: apparently the septic system for the agency had not been cleaned since installation in the 1990s. Cleaned out and a clean out pipe had to be repaired and it was done.

Clinton asked who did the work? Seward: Bogott Plumbing, same as the company that spearheaded the pump replacement.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until March 9th, 2023, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 6:56 PM.