

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
NOVEMBER 9, 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
Goose Lake – Mattis	Grand Mound - Lange	

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

Clinton made a motion to approve October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

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

**DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward**

- A. DNR Inspection Report** **ATTACHMENT # 1**  
The DNR Report was issued for the visit on 9-22-2023. The report was pretty much what was expected. Some general comments on the operation were noted, but no violations were found.
- B. Vespene Project Update –** The review of the sample agreement has been completed. Legal responded by saying there needs to be some clarification on some clauses, Seward will contact Vespene about, but the contract appears to be “largely satisfactory”.
- C. Recycling Trailer Repairs Update –** In late October, the walking floor trailer for recycling has a metal plate come out of the trailer. Repairs were made at Jim Hawk Trailer in Davenport. There was some delay in repairs as the replacement plate for the floor had to come from Oregon. The trailer was down for about 10 days. During this time Crystal Creek worked with us by providing a belt trailer so were able to move some recycling out of the building. Also, some haulers took loads directly to Davenport during that time, helping out the agency. Regular procedures have since resumed. We are working on updating maintenance plan to prevent that happening in the future.

**ENGINEER SITE REPORT –** Jeff Phillips of SCS Engineers – Drove around and looked at working face. No issues with litter. Appliances and battery powered items, as needed, are being removed from loads. Remove those from working face regularly.

**LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT –** Annie McKim of Rittmer – Been collecting a little more litter because of wind.

Delmar commended Rittmer for pulling out appliances and such.

Seward: those items are coming from larger vehicle loads. Operators communicate that to scale. Items are charged for and if it continually happens, then clean up fees are charged.

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

Clinton County: Ron Seis of Welton talked to Board of Supervisors about fence, neighbor’s weed control, etc. Is this property being mowed? Seward yes, Rittmer mows it. Clinton County: Seis says it’s not being mowed. Seward: That’s false and I have bills to prove it. Clinton County: I will come out and talk to you about it. Seis says if nothing is done, then he’s going to take matters into his own hands.

Camanche: Where's that coming from? Seward: South west corner of property.

Clinton County: Long standing issue involving a mudslide that Seis lost cattle in. Seward: Wasn't caused by us.

Seward: He doesn't like the neighbors we originally bought the land from.

Clinton County: I'll reach out. Seward: Happy to talk about it.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

##### **A. SCS Project Updates: Jeff Phillips of SCS Engineers**

Leachate Evaluation: Leachate seep was found. Water going through trash. Seep was plugged and repaired by Rittmer. It's popped up a few times. This led to the evaluation. Already have lift stations in place to pump up to lagoon. Some leachate being captured. More will need to be captured. Leachate toe drain will be needed in short term. Installation will be high up. This is a quick band aid fix. We will design, but will be out here to assist in field fitting. A capacity evaluation is being conducted as part of this project. Then we will look into the long-term fix. Clay cap is having water go through and seep through garbage. Then some long-term strategies will be evaluated.

Landfill expansion project: Permitting expansion with evaluation occurring. This could tie into the leachate fix by possibly expanding over part of the old cap on North unit, with plastic liners, and could gain some vertical space. That will in turn cut off the leachate development.

Seward: similar to what happened over the closed areas of south unit.

Phillips: Permit amendment will be coming to do leachate toe drain. Probable inspection of that area also.

Delmar: Will DNR work with you on design? Phillips: DNR will coach to compliance. Will work with DNR.

Preview of preliminary design to west and north: Still in designing phase. Conceptual design. There's roughly 90 years of capacity in that area. Cost part is being worked on. Data accumulation will need to take place for hydrogeology. Permitting process will give benefits and costs of this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. DeWitt Recycling Container Services**

##### **PROPOSAL # 1 & 2**

Seward: Two bids have been received from interested parties for the DeWitt-County recycling container. AT Disposal of DeWitt bid \$380 per week, which works out to \$1520 per month for 36 months. Republic, the current vendor, bid \$275 per week with a monthly rental rate of \$125 per month. That works out to \$1225 per month for year one. And then a flat 10% increase in years two and three. The means almost \$1348 per month in year two and almost \$1483 per month in year three.

Both sides stated no additional fees would be charged beyond what was quoted.

DeWitt: This was something that was put in place as a test to see if we couldn't get more people from the county using recycling. It's been a huge success. To the point we're picking up once a week. But the agency is paying for more stuff. The potential levy change and health insurance will affect the agency. These are cost factors we can't cover unless the county wants to take over.

Clinton County: Do you have the information you could send over? Seward: Yes. This contract is up this month.

DeWitt: Can we ask Republic about extending this month to month for a bit? Seward: We can ask.

Clinton County: We have not determined that we are getting rid of the \$225K levy. We asked for an evaluation and whether it's going in at the rate needed.

DeWitt: I would like to see the program remain. It's been a great benefit to the county to have this.

Clinton County: It's too late to be on next week's BOS agenda. We would discuss it, likely, December 4<sup>th</sup>. I could potentially gather information by the 21<sup>st</sup> of November and then maybe vote on it on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

Camanche: Ask Republic for a month or two-month extension? Seward: Sure.

Clinton County: Just send me the information I should have. I will ask any questions and see what can be done.

Clinton made a motion to postpone the issue until December 14<sup>th</sup>. Goose Lake seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

- B.** Clinton County Health Insurance Separation – Per the information gathered since the last meeting, a small committee, mainly comprised of the Executive Board and a few employees have met and gone over some proposals from organizations willing to assist the agency in health insurance.

With that being said all indications are that no matter which group we decide to work with, the general rates and terms of proposed insurance will be virtually the same.

With that being said the committee is recommending that we work with True North, the company that helps facilitate the current agency health insurance through Clinton County. True North has a Clinton-based account manager, which should lead to an easier time getting questions answered and problems resolved.

DeWitt: Did the county reach out and consult with you? Seward: County HR, Ally Ellison, reached out.

DeWitt: I wanted the county to reach out and help you find something similar to what the county had. Do we have any costs yet? Seward: Working on getting that information.

DeWitt: Do you feel you will have information for us at the next meeting? Camanche: Both companies indicated to select a broker, then they would provide pricing. Hopefully, we will have the numbers at the next meeting.

Seward: the committee notified True North and we wanted to let the board know.

Clinton County: If you run into any issues, I bet Ally would help you out.

- C.** Clinton County Request Regarding 28 E Levy –  
Seward: I worked with SCS on the information requested by the Clinton County rep. The agency's financial assurance (Closure-Post Closure figure) is based on a ten year pay-in for each cell built. We have eight years remaining to pay in on the Phase Two Cell and five years remaining on the Phase E-1 Cell pay in. The required transfer that was to be made this year was over \$218 K. That figure is the required pay-in, plus the inflation factor determined by Iowa DNR. We are required before the eight year pay-in on Phase Two is finished to have another more than \$1.3 Million in the account for in order to be fully funded for those cells. The caveat to that is WHEN we open another cell, another ten year pay-in will start, with inflation factors. So, there is a high probability this closure cost will increase further in the future. The cost to build at the time, is the cost to close, plus inflation factor.

Clinton County: Can you e-mail those numbers to me. I will then add those numbers to the county conversation.

Clinton County: How old is the old area. Seward: Some of the original fills were built in the 1970s.

Clinton County: At what point did they say you had to have a plastic cap? Seward: New chapter 113 rules went into effect in 2007.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:**

A. Seward: the Agency will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

B. Seward: six-month evaluation. I have accomplished some things.

DeWitt: I feel I would like these accomplishments listed and e-mailed to us. So, we can read it and come up next month.

Seward: I would like that evaluation to be in closed session.

Goose Lake: I couldn't add comments from my computer last time. Seward: Just bring comments to the meeting.

DeWitt: Looking for a one-page document with all of the stuff you did. Seward: OK.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until December 14th, 2023, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:09 PM.