

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

9 PRESENT

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

Clinton - Schemers	Clinton County – Irwin	DeWitt – Chrones
Camanche – Varner	Andover – White	Delmar – Goodall
Grand Mound – Lange	Low Moor - Goldensoph	

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

Andover made a motion to approve October 10, 2024 minutes. Clinton County seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE

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

Goose Lake – Mattis arrived late. Now have 9 votes present; 5 votes needed for majority and 7 needed for a super majority.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. DNR Inspection Update** **ATTACHMENT # 1**
The agency was inspected by the DNR on 10-16-2024. A letter of non-compliance was issued for daily cover. BJ Bauman from Rittmer has indicated that this issue has been addressed. This was a full inspection so several other comments were made regarding appliances, waste tires, dust control (before the rains came), and other items. We are working to address all issues, including suggestions made.
- B. City Watch Radio Show –** Board member Schemers and I recorded a holiday material disposal and recycling show. The show will air later this month on KROS radio.
- C. New Part-Time Scale Attendant –** Teresa Cahill started at the scale part-time on November 4th. She's slated to make \$15 per hour.
- D. Thanksgiving Holiday –** The agency will be closed on Thursday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Spencer LaBelle of SCS: ATTACHMENT # 2

- A. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment -** A draft report has been submitted to the Agency for review. This covers improvements for the North Unit. A South Unit report will be completed after the jetting, cleaning, and televising of the leachate collection pipes are completed.
- B. Contract Operations Bid Process -** The contract has been executed and a copy is provided to the Agency.
- C. North Leachate Interceptor Trench -** The interceptor collection pipe is on-site. Rittmer plans to break ground during the week of November 18th. Rittmer anticipates the construction efforts will be completed in four business days.
- D. Phasing Plan -** Phasing Plan is being adjusted based on preliminary calls with Rittmer.
- E. Alternate Daily Cover Run-on / Run-off Control Plan -** Plan modified based on updated Phasing Plan.

- F. Airspace Calculation- SCS has prepared a preliminary cost estimate for the next cell we recommend constructing.

Seward: These are early, high level cost numbers.

LaBelle: Phase E-2 is coming in \$2.29 Million. 7.5 Acre Cell. This is east side cell behind recycling center. Geogrid over unlined area increases the cost, but engineering would likely be a little less because it's been mostly completed.

The other cell is Phase 3 to the west. 5.46 acres. Total cost is \$1.79. Increased engineering fees.

DeWitt: Those back up existing cells and connect to existing cells? Yes.

DeWitt: what is the difference in years (life) between the two cells? LaBelle: I don't have those numbers, but can bring them back. DeWitt: I want to know the value of spending the extra amount of money for the amount of time. LaBelle: Could it come via e-mail? Yes.

- G. Landfill Monitoring Update - Leachate pipe cleaning, jetting, and televising ongoing. SCS has located missing cleanouts for BWC. Discussions with BWC ongoing about accessing the full lengths necessary. A proposal for the abandonment of the monitoring wells at the west site was provided to the Agency.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – BJ Bauman: Been placing additional cover. Gathering additional cover for winter months. Normal operations are going well. May need to get some rock. Got a new trash compactor. We'll have a winter plan next month.

Work on interceptor trench will happen pretty quickly. Weather permitting.

DeWitt: Any updates on concrete and dirt processing you had proposed? Bauman: We did not get the DOT project. Need more by-product for better crushing price. Wind kind of been taken out those sails.

DeWitt: Have any borings been done on those proposed cell areas? LaBelle: I believe so. Seward: What we discovered is that we have silty soils. DeWitt: I don't want cost over runs.

Bauman: I thought we had some borings done.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:

Delmar: A person is looking to take the wood from the trees out at the Welton (Closed) Landfill. Could some wood be burned off of the face of the cell? Looking into it.

Delmar: Look ahead and put fence on north fence line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Potential Update to Employee Handbook – Amy Reasner with Lynch Dallas was directed to begin work on the update to the employee handbook. A draft of the handbook is expected by the end of November.
- B. DeWitt – County Recycling Container Discussion – Our one-year renewal with AT Disposal is coming up. This dumpster continues to have trash dumped in them, clothes, toys, car seats, and other non-recyclable items. Essentially, it's being used for trash. AT has already removed the dumpster at its other location because of the recycling pollution problem. I would advise not renewing this contract and removing the dumpster. It does not have cameras at that location and it's continually being abused.

DeWitt: Who wants it? We should move it or get rid of it.

Low Moor: Get rid of it. DeWitt: It sucks that it has to be to few people ruining for the many, but we can't actively monitor it. We tried. It was cool for a while.

Goose Lake: We had people abusing our large item dumpsters, too. People were coming from out of town.

Andover made a motion to NOT renew the DeWitt-County Recycling Roll-off Dumpster with AT Disposal. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Clinton County – Irwin - Yes
Andover – White - Yes
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - NO
Low Moor – Goldensoph - Yes

Motion approved 8-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** FY 2023 Audit Report - A copy of the audit was e-mailed to the board members by the Auditor's office.

Here are some of the highlights. We received a clean opinion, meaning that the financial statements fairly present the financial position of the agency.

The audit shows operating revenues increased by 0.4 % from fiscal year 2022. Operating expenses were 2% lower than the previous year. The agency's net position increased by 3.7 %.

No instances of non-compliance were noted.

The audit staff did find one internal control deficiency. The agency was again noted for segregation of duties. Because of the small office atmosphere this is the toughest to correct and unless we were to triple office staff size, then it would be tough to get this remark to go away.

Would the board make a motion to accept the fiscal year 2023 audit?

Clinton County made a motion to approve the Audit as presented. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

- B.** West Landfill Well Removal Proposal

PROPOSAL # 1

Before you is a proposal to remove approximately 15 wells at the Welton closed landfill site. The proposal is for \$19,350 through SCS and a subsidiary.

DeWitt: How are they abandoned? LaBelle: casing removed and plugged with bentonite clay.

Clinton made a motion to approve the proposal from SCS. Camanche seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Irwin - Yes
Andover – White - Yes
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

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

Motion approved 9-0.

We have funds in the West landfill account that can be used to help fund this. Clinton: Will have to reestablish those funds.

Some used for fence.

- C. City of Clinton Sewage Sludge Discussion – Clinton: Bug was put in our ear by Rittmer about a sludge management plan. We as a city teamed up with SCS. We looked at what’s been brought in, what’s being brought in, and what’s going to be brought in. Some of these things have been going on for a while.

ADM expansion at wastewater plant led us to looking into bringing more sewage cake. We were not able to do that because of DNR permit restrictions. While working on that the timeline changed. We had planned on it coming until November of 2025. New Dryers have been installed. Getting drier material. Other good news hoping to have this done in March. 90% solids would be new material.

ADM could internalize that new formulation of sludge. Project is ahead of schedule. At this point we will likely not need a permit variance from DNR to bring in more sludge.

Tonnage is slowing down. We’ve been working with SCS to help Rittmer figure out how to handle it.

DeWitt: this is exciting.

Clinton: Well past halfway point on development.

LaBelle: We mapped approximate locations for sludge. We assessed stability of landfill. Assessment demonstrates landfill is stable. Sludge needs to be buffered by waste. Finalizing a report to show location of where and how to place sludge for Rittmer. Following up in the upcoming weeks.

Bauman: Will have to address some of the old sludge.

Clinton: City of Clinton financed most of the project.

- D. Retainage Fee Discussion – Internally there has been discussion about using some of the Environmental Protection Account (\$313,000) for some of the upcoming projects. These projects could include the leachate interceptor trench for the north unit, that has been approved, and/or the westward and northward permitting process. The budget stated that \$375,000 would be taken from reserves, but we need to decide which reserves.

Do we want to use some of the reserves for some of the projects?

DeWitt made a motion to use \$130 thousand from the Environmental Protection Reserve Fund to help pay for the leachate interceptor trench project. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes	Camanche – Varner – Yes	Andover – White - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes	Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes	Grand Mound – Lange - Yes
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes	Clinton – Schemers – Yes	Clinton County – Irwin - Yes

Motion approved 9-0.

- E. Auto-Shredder Residue (ASR) / Fluff Rate Discussion – The Auto Shredder Residue from Clayton County Recyclers, which is used in alternative daily cover, continues to come in faster than we can use it. The discussion internally has been about a potential rate increase on this material. Since January 1st, we have taken in over 9100 tons of the material at \$16 per ton. They are bringing in 3-4 semi loads per day.

Bauman: Take as much as you can and stockpile it.

Clinton recommends a \$2 per ton increase January 1st.

Seward: I don’t believe a \$2 increase will cause this material to go away.

DeWitt made a motion to bump ASR to \$18 per ton January 1st, 2025. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes
Clinton – Schemers – Yes

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DeWitt – Chrones – Yes

Motion approved 9-0.

- F. Tire Rate Discussion – Initial discussions have taken place internally about whether the tire tonnage rate matches up with the individual tire rates for ten and less tires. We are working to gather more numbers on this, but may explore raising the tonnage fee for tires to better match the individual tire price.

DeWitt: Want to be careful about not having illegal tire disposal.

Clinton: Cindy Howard is doing research. Hoping to have a report by the first of the year.

- G. Staffing Discussion – Our Site Supervisor has shared that he is less than a year from his IPERS retirement age and that he is exploring the potential of retirement. He has suggested with his work load and other hurdles, that we should explore bringing on help, such as a full-time trainee as a potential replacement for him. I would like the board’s blessing to get this process started and to seek a full-time trainee.

Board generally agrees to move process forward.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: Camanche: seeking any help on Christmas meeting food funding donations. Meeting is open to the public and anybody can partake.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until December 12, 2024, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:18 PM.