

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
JUNE 12, 2025

9 PRESENT

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were;

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

We have 9 votes present; 5 votes needed for majority and 7 needed for a super majority.

Clinton made a motion to approve May 8th, 2025 minutes. Clinton County seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. Update on Landfill Small Fire – Rittmer crew addressed smoke and small fire concern late that afternoon. Rittmer staff believed the fire to be sufficiently covered and should be out. Small flame and some smoke had been spotted by Sean Marczewski of SCS during inspection of intermediate cover area.

- B. Vespene Project Update **ATTACHMENT # 1**
Vespene's Brett Arnold reached out to us via e-mail and informed us that two of the important parts of funding our gas project have either been shelved or defunded by the federal government. The e-mail is attached. I have tried reaching out to Vespene with e-mails and phone calls with no success to this point.

- DeWitt: they asked for another six months.

- Clinton: Still moving forward on a similar city project. I don't know where Vespene is at.

- Clinton made a motion to approve a six-month extension for Vespene to come back with another solution. Delmar seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

- C. Staffing Update – PT Scale – Last month the agency hired Marguerite Dudock as a part time scale attendant for \$15 per hour.

- D. Clinton County EnviroKids Follow up – The EnviroKids attended a session this past weekend here at the agency. Around 30 children and adults participated.

- E. Independence Day Closure – The agency, all facilities, will be closed Friday, July 4th for Independence Day.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Sean Marczewski of SCS: **ATTACHMENT # 2**

- A. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment - The Agency has the improvement options and RMC Upgrade options for the North Unit. Based on information from Rittmer, there is an issue with the panels at LS-1 and LS-2 that is keeping it from running correctly on auto. Options are being assessed and will be presented to the Agency.

A South Unit report will be completed after the jetting, cleaning, and televising of the leachate collection pipes are completed. SCS is preparing a contract with HK Solutions as requested by the Board.

- B. North Leachate Interceptor Trench - The Construction Documentation Report has been submitted to the DNR. Seeding occurred on April 18, 2025 by Rittmer. This area will need to be checked during site visits to verify adequate vegetation stand prior to the end of the 2-year warranty. [Next action date: Fall 2025 inspection].
- C. North MSWLF Unit Leachate System - This will be discussed further at the board meeting. Now that the electric is repaired and functioning, it has been determined that there are additional issues with the pumps, transducers, and panels which will require Agency attention.
- D. Phasing Plan - Rittmer continues to progress with the installation of intermediate cover on the western portion of the active area and cleaning up the toe of slope. The area requires restoration of intermediate cover and vegetation to minimize erosion. Once complete, the ADC Run-On/Run Off will be updated by SCS and finalized.
- E. Electrical Improvements - Leslie Electric completed the electrical services in May. The lift stations have power and can operate to convey leachate to the leachate lagoon.
- F. Lateral Expansion Plan - Work is progressing on the Hydrogeological Work Plan, which is expected to be completed this month. Drilling information was found from the expansion areas that we did not know existed, which will be beneficial. SCS is in the process of consolidating the past work and updating the interpretations with the newer information since the last hydrogeological write-up, then will develop the drilling and sampling plan for Agency review and submittal to the DNR.
- G. Airspace Contract - Have confirmation from Benzing Surveying to perform airspace survey on or around June 30, weather permitting.
- H. Permit Renewal + On-call Contract - Current permit expires October 1, 2025. Permit renewal application is due to the DNR by July 3, 2025.

SCS is currently working on the draft and will have that to the Agency for review by mid-June.

- I. Landfill Monitoring Update - The downed tree on monitoring well PZ-6-R16 on the east side of the North Unit in the ravine has been removed. SCS assessed the condition of the well on May 1, and initial repairs to the PVC well casing were made on May 8. A protective metal well cover has been purchased, and it will be cemented into place this summer.

The 1st semi-annual groundwater sampling event was completed in March. The spring sampling notification was submitted to the DNR on June 6.

Quarter two methane monitoring was completed on May 1. No exceedances were measured.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – NONE

BJ Bauman is unavailable this evening. Working face has been moved up the hill.

DeWitt: Made comment that it looks cleaner. (litter has been addressed further on south slope).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:

- A. West Landfill (Closed) Property: Delmar: Got person lined up to cut and spray west landfill site in June. Bill would be about the same as last year. Proposed price was \$2600-\$2800. Seward approved per his purchasing ability. Board no issues with Seward authorizing that purchase.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**A. City of Clinton Sludge Plan Update / Potential Sludge Payment **ATTACHMENT # 2****

This is the position for the monthly update on the city of Clinton Sludge. Sludge intake has slowed, nothing brought in the last two weeks. Still some sludge on the hill that has to be moved.

DeWitt: Is there an update on the old sludge?

Seward: Some moved, but haul truck broke down. Marczewski: several loads were moved, finding the bottom of the sludge. Still more work to go.

B. Expiring CDs / CD Rates Potential Action **ATTACHMENT # 3**

Before you are the quoted CD rates from Clinton National Bank, Citizens First Bank, First Central State Bank, and DeWitt Bank and Trust. We have one CD coming due this month and several coming due in July.

Also, We have to make a financial assurance transfer, very shortly. Should we also place that into a CD? How much?

Seward: Citizens First has provided the highest rates. Cindy Howard broke down potential interest expectations.

Clinton: There is a difference between 9- and 12-month CD rates. Seward: Maybe we go with 9 months, safer option.

Seward: We also have over \$1.7 million in money market. Talking about a larger CD, but FDIC coverage is \$250 thousand per account.

Clinton wouldn't go longer than nine months.

Clinton County made a motion to put the expiring CD in June into a new 9-month CD at Citizens First Bank. Low Moor seconded the motion.

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Camanche – Varner -Yes
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

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Motion passes 9-0.

Also, the board decided to use a \$250 thousand dollar CD for Financial Assurance.

Camanche originally made a motion to make a financial assurance CD for 9 months at Citizens First Bank for \$250 thousand. Clinton made a second to the original motion.

Discussion took place. Low Moor recommended a 12 month at 4.58% with CFB, because of potential uncertainty of CD markets in future. Clinton County agreed we don't know about future rates.

Camanche rescinded his motion. Clinton rescinded his second.

Low Moor made a motion to place \$250 thousand into a 12-month CD at Citizens First Bank for Closure-Post Closure (Financial Assurance Accounts). Camanche seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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C. Legal Services for Agency

PROPOSALS # 1 & #2

Before you are communications regarding two potential legal counsel representatives to replace our former lawyer, Brian Donnelly. We have worked with both Martha Shaff and Sarah Oldsen before. I would say we have done more with Shaff with Betty Neuman and Oldsen will not be able to perform any small claims work according to her communication.

Camanche: I've worked with Shaff and her staff quite a bit in the past. I would recommend her office.

DeWitt: How do costs compare? Seward: I requested more information and did not receive it. It has been a number of years since we worked with Oldsen, but we do have previous experience.

Camanche made a motion approve working with Martha Shaff at Betty, Neuman, and McMahon of Davenport as our legal counsel. Delmar seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Low Moor - Goldensoph – Yes

Camanche – Varner -Yes

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. SCS Remote Monitoring and Control System Discussion / Potential Action

PROPOSAL # 3

Marczewski of SCS is presenting on the RMC Discussion.

Marczewski: Map has been provided. North leachate system collects leachate west to east. LS-1 normally pumps and turns itself on and off. Sends leachate to LS-2. Same setup as LS-1. Leachate is pumped to the manhole behind recycling center. Leachate then gravity flows to the leachate lagoon.

Seward: System was installed in 2005 and SCADA went in in 2010s.

Marczewski: Lift stations are not working correctly. Age of electronics and wear and tear are causes. In proposal work would replace electronics to make pumps run automatically. This proposal would upgrade the panels.

Two options: option one would replace radios to get communications back to current system, but does not get automatic cycles working on pumps. Option two would be more of complete overhaul of the system (pumps, panels, radios, pump control, etc.). It would allow remote logins to the panels and radios. It would allow for future expansion of system also.

Option 1 is kind of band-aid, Option 2 is replacing electronics part of system.

DeWitt: We've invested in on-site server with life on it. Why are looking at Cloud-based instead of using the server on site? Could be saving some money by using current infrastructure for servers.

Marczewski: Not sure how that works specifically. Seward: great question from DeWitt.

DeWitt: Do have to do hardware, but could save money on server side.

Seward: This amount is in the budget proposal.

DeWitt: Could we do this with the cell project? Seward: issue I see is that this is more urgent.

Questions about texts in the proposal and limited amounts. Low Moor believes that the text limit is the amount of people receiving them.

Grand Mound asked about looking at a float system.

Camanche: What about tabling this topic for more information?

Goose Lake: Would be SCS be installing? Yes.

Clinton: What about a TEAMS or ZOOM meeting between SCS, Seward, and OMC Consultants team?

Camanche we will table this until next month for more information.

Low Moor: This is for leachate from closed and active cells, why can't we use closure-post closure funding?

Seward: It's been explained to me that once the facility closes.

DeWitt: Could a portion be funded with closure-post closure money? Marczewski will ask DNR.

B. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal

RESOLUTION # 1

Seward: Before you is the proposed budget resolution.

Landfill revenues are up to account for the increased tonnage and contract rates coming in. Bank interest rates remain fairly high based on previous years.

On the expense side, the lateral expansion proposals, and an increase in covering and compacting expenses are included, which raises the landfill costs. Also, the first half of the landfill cell construction and leachate system potential overhaul are included, leading to a very expensive year.

RCC cost is up slightly based on disposal increases.

In the recycling budget there is an increase coming with fuel costs for single stream transportation. That contract is up this winter. However, costs will be for recycling should be down a little bit.

Mainly because of the proposed expansion plan costs, landfill cell, and leachate system work we are going to have to borrow about 1.1 million dollars from reserves to balance the budget. We have been preparing for the cell build by building up reserves for some time.

Seward: We've building up reserves for situations such as these.

DeWitt: I want to thank the budget committee for its work. Most of the income loss is from the potential building of a new cell. Hopefully this cell last for several years and rebuild reserves. We specifically broke this into to budget years to make it work. Committee has made commitment to price increases as needed.

Low Moor made a motion to approve fiscal year 2026 budget as presented (Resolution #1). Goose Lake seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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Goose Lake – Mattis – Yes
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Motion passes 9-0.

A. Director of Operations and Education Evaluation - Potential Closed Session – Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(i) .

Camanche: "I move that we hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session." Clinton seconded.

Motion passes unanimously.

Going to closed session at 7:25 PM on June 12, 2025.

B. Potential Return from Closed Session: 7:56 PM on June 12, 2025.

Roll call was taken; those present were;

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All nine members are still present.

C. Potential Action: Clinton County made a motion to approve a 3% increase in salary for Director Brad Seward for fiscal year 2026. Clinton seconded.

Clinton: work to address action items in the next 90 days. Thanked evaluation leaders for their work.

Roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion passes 9-0

Seward thanked the board for the generous increase.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until July 10th, 2025, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:58 PM.