

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
AUGUST 14, 2025

8 PRESENT

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

Clinton - Schemers  
Camanche – Varner  
Goose Lake – Mattis

Clinton County – Irwin  
Andover – White  
Grand Mound – Lange

DeWitt – Chrones  
Delmar – Goodall

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

Clinton made a motion to approve June 12th, 2025 minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE**

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

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

**A. DNR Landfill Inspection (6/23)**

**ATTACHMENT # 1**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bert Noll of DNR Field Office 6, conducted a compliance visit. No immediate violations were noted. Comments were made about the working face, leachate interceptor trench and other parts of the operation, but everything was in compliance according to DNR.

**B. Fiscal Year 2025 Intake Update –** For fiscal year 2025 intake for the landfill was up to 62,703 tons. This is up over 4500 tons from Fiscak Year 2024.

**C. Recycling Trailer Repair Update :** The parts recently arrived for the replacement of the walking floor on the recycling trailer. This purchase was approved by the board. The trailer is currently at Jim Hawk in Davenport for floor replacement. A belt trailer is currently being used to haul some of the recyclables to Scott County, as this reduces our load capabilities.

**D. Labor Day Closure –** The agency, all facilities, will be closed on September 1<sup>st</sup>, Labor Day.

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

**A. Mt. Progress Sludge -** The sludge at Mt. Progress appears to have been removed. Rittmer staff indicated that the sludge was placed in trenches. Seward: an invoice has also been sent by Rittmer for the project.

**B. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment -** The Agency has the improvement options and RMC Upgrade options for the North Unit. There are issues with the panels at LS-1 and LS-2 that are keeping them from running correctly on auto. Options were presented to the Agency during the June board meeting. Agency members and SCS met on July 3 to further discuss the RMC proposal and to address technical questions. A report will be completed after the jetting, cleaning, and televising of the leachate collection pipes are completed.

Jetting is 95% complete in the leachate line cleanouts that were able to be located and accessible on August 6. Grading work will be necessary to allow a jetting truck to access cleanout locations on the Southern slope of the landfill.

Clinton: 95% complete or 95% cleaned out? Marczewski: 95% complete. Some access to southern slope needs to be addressed. Will coordinate with staff on site.

Seward: Preliminary reactions to this process? Marczewski: Footages looked good. North to South cleanout in Phase 1A needs to looked at. Where they thought the clog was, we aren't necessarily

seeing one. Seward: That could be good news.

- C. 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 stands prior to the end of the 2-year warranty. [Next action date: Fall 2025 inspection]
- D. 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 the Agency's attention.
- E. Phasing Plan - The vegetative intermediate cover on the western portion of the active area has been partially established. Erosion channels and bare areas or sparse vegetation are present. 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.

- F. Lateral Expansion Plan - The Hydrogeological Work Plan was submitted to the DNR on August 4. Following DNR approval of the Hydrogeological Work Plan, we'll develop the drilling and sampling plan for Agency review and submittal to the DNR.
- G. Airspace Contract - Benzing Surveying performed the airspace survey on July 2. Survey data was received and is being processed. We anticipate a final report being submitted to the Agency in mid-August.
- H. Permit Renewal + On-call Contract - Current permit expires October 1, 2025. Form 50 was submitted to the DNR on July 3, 2025. Full permit renewal application was submitted to the DNR on July 24, 2025.
- 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. Quarter 3 methane monitoring and the 2nd semi-annual groundwater sampling event are currently being scheduled.

## LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – NONE

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:

- A. West Landfill (Closed) Property: DeWitt – I would like for the next meeting to have a conversation about some type of solar project at the West (Closed) Landfill.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. City of Clinton Sludge Plan Update / Old Sludge Payment Update - This is the position for the monthly update on the city of Clinton Sludge.

Clinton brought in the two types of sludge in jars, Class A (Class 1) and Class B (Class 2).

Clinton WWRF is operational. Handles Low Moor, Clinton, Camanche, and ADM sludge.

DeWitt made comments that the Class 1 is very powdery.

Clinton read a statement from the WWRF on the sludge products .Powdered sludge (Class 1 or A) averages over 90% using mechanical dewatering and thermal drying. Removes most moisture. Class B or 2 sludge was about 15-25% solids. Newer Class 1 product is lighter and cost less by weight to dispose of. Less odor in class 1. Newer material could be used in soil amendment or alternative daily cover mixes. Thermal treatment kills bacteria and pathogens to below detectable limits. Class 1 cleaner, safer, and environmentally safer.

Clinton County: They say we can use this with cover?

Seward and Clinton had a spirited conversation over this newer material. CCASWA is not currently allowed to accept Class 1 material. Clinton would like to have permit amended to be able to accept Class 1 sludge/powder.

Marczewski: Ask for variance, fill out form, and request to be able to take it.

Seward: Can we take it as Class 1? Can we also accept Class 1 as alternative daily cover, in lieu of dirt.

DeWitt: We shouldn't have to pay Rittmer extra to dispose of the Class 1 material, versus the old Class 2.

Clinton says the WWRF may not bring the Class 1 material here, but wants a backup plan, in case. Equipment at WWRF should not need to be replaced for 30 years. Clinton, Camanche, and Low Moor material being handled and small amount of ADM material.

Goose Lake: Shouldn't be too much of a problem to take Class 1. Seward: I would hope it's not going to be a major hassle to get it approved.

Delmar: This can't be the only one of this type of operation in the country. Seward: Clinton may be on the cutting edge with this technology around this area.

Clinton County made a motion to request a permit modification to accept Class A or Class 1 sludge from the City of Clinton and to explore a request to use said material as an alternative daily cover. Camanche seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

DeWitt – Chrones - Yes  
Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Motion passes 7-0 with Clinton Abstaining.

Clinton County: If we can accept this material, we should look at possibly adjusting the rate for Class 1 or A.

Clinton also said maybe we can talk about rate adjustments for Class 2. DeWitt: We're not there yet.

Clinton also said moisture from rain would make material heavier and sloppier, but should not change the classification, which is based on potential pathogenic levels.

Seward: The practice by the city has to be to bring the sludge loads on drier days.

Seward: only one other thing to left to add. The old sludge on the hill has been completely moved and the agency has been invoiced for it. Would like to pay Rittmer for that. It has been approved by the board. Invoice was for \$50K.

- B.** Update on Expiring CDs : The Executive Board met briefly after the whole board was unable to meet in July. The Executive Board decided upon 9-month CDs for the renewals that were due. The rate was 4.42% APY with Citizens First Bank.
- C.** SCS Remote Monitoring and Control System Discussion / Potential Action **PROPOSAL # 1**  
SCS is presenting on the RMC Discussion. A TEAMS Meeting was held with our IT team, Andover's rep, and SCS and the on-premises solution was discussed. More information was provided.

Marczewski of SCS is presenting. Technical questions were addressed.

DeWitt: On premises operations would cost more than the cloud operation. Pretty much the bottom line. DeWitt did ask Andover about whether Miles Communication could help with the cellular service costs of the project. Seward: Miles Communication does have fiber service to the landfill and agency.

DeWitt: I don't want to use their solution if we don't need to.

Marczewski: Concerned about security.

Clinton County: Miles Communication operates all county operations.

Andover: Asked about timeliness of this project.

Seward: I was hoping to move this forward. We have multiple pump panels. Suggests to approve this with the caveat that we work with Miles Communication, if we can.

DeWitt: Would like to work with Miles, even if it is close.

Seward: I think purchase policy allows 10% over low bid for local preference.

Clinton County made motion to move forward with project, with the caveat that Miles Communication speaks with SCS/RMC on the project. Clinton seconded.

Marczewski will talk with Sam Rice and Miles Communication. The panels will take a couple of months to develop and turnaround. Seward: Want to make this move forward.

Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Irwin - Yes  
Andover – White - ABSTAIN  
Grand Mound – Lange - NO

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

Camanche – Varner -Yes  
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Motion passes 6-1 with Andover Abstaining.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Rittmer Usage of Red Barn / Discussion of Potential Agreement – Rittmer staff have expressed interest in shared use of the red barn to the northwest of the recycling center. This barn stores some of our items also. Some board members have suggested that we look into an agreement to share occupancy with Rittmer. If the board is willing to allow shared occupancy with Rittmer, then I will contact Martha Shaff, agency attorney to draw up an agreement for such an arrangement.

Clinton: Wants some sort of a legal document to cover the agency.

Clinton made a motion have agreement with hold harmless for the agency for use of red barn. Andover seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Camanche – Varner -Yes  
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes  
Clinton County – Irwin - Yes

Andover – White - Yes  
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**B. Potential Approval of FY 2024 Audit-** Potential Approval of FY 2024 Audit – 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 10.8 % from fiscal year 2023. Operating expenses were 6.8% higher than the previous year. The agency's net position increased by 6.2%.

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.

Also, another finding related to sales tax on credit card purchases were reported. Sales tax was paid on seven credit card transactions totaling \$25 in sales tax.

Would the board make a motion to accept the fiscal year 2024 audit?

Delmar made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 audit. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Camanche – Varner -Yes  
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes  
Clinton County – Irwin - Yes

Andover – White - Yes  
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes  
DeWitt – Chrones – Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes  
Clinton – Schemers - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**C. Potential Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Auditing Services**

**PROPOSAL # 2**

Four potential vendors were solicited for auditing services. The State of Iowa was the only one to respond to the RFP.

Clinton County made a motion to accept the proposal for Fiscal Year 2025 Auditing Services from the State of Iowa. Andover seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Andover – White - Yes  
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes  
DeWitt – Chrones – Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes  
Clinton – Schemers - Yes  
Camanche – Varner -Yes

Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes  
Clinton County – Irwin - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE**

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until September 11, 2025, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:20 PM.