

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
OCTOBER 9, 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  
Grand Mound – Lange

Clinton County – Irwin  
Andover – White  
Low Moor – Goldensoph

DeWitt – Chrones  
Delmar – Goodall

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

Clinton County made a motion to approve September 11th, 2025, minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE**

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

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

**A. DNR SITE VISIT Update (8/29)**

**ATTACHMENT # 1**

The DNR inspection report was released after the September meeting. No violations were noted during the inspection by DNR in August. I have attached the report for your review.

**B. ISOSWO / IRA Conference -Coralville Follow up –** During the conference I toured the Iowa City Landfill and Coralville Recycling Drop-off facility.

I also listened to a presentation about disaster debris management. Examples talked about were the Davenport building collapse and the Greenfield tornado. Both stressed communication between coordinating agencies and knowing your contacts. I also found out that Clinton, Johnson, and Polk Counties have an approved disaster management plan and that there aren't that many of those approved around the state.

There was also a presentation a proposed battery stewardship bill coming before the legislature. It would involve household batteries, portable household batteries and medium format batteries and would be supported by the battery producers. This would also include alkaline batteries (Not currently covered) and rechargeable batteries. Spirited debate is expected.

Also, the DNR gave an update. DNR budget has been substantially cut because of federal funding cuts. This did not affect solid waste fees. Several staff vacancies at DNR are not being filled yet because of funding. There may be some extended turnaround times due to those staff issues. A presentation also took place on the rule revisions under Executive Order 10. 131 rules were removed, and 127 thousand words were removed. DNR believes the rules to be equally protective of the environment and public health as before. The new rules will likely become effective in June of next year.

**C. Clinton City Watch Program –** I recorded a Clinton City Watch Program with Bill Schemers of Clinton in late September. It will air on October 18<sup>th</sup> on KROS. Various fall topics were discussed.

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

A. RMC Update: Screen set up in portal is progressing. Control panel designs should be completed soon. Parts for panels arriving. Sean asked about participation from Miles Communications. Andover indicated that it would not be financially feasible to assist on the project for Miles Communications.

- B. Fall 2025 Semi-Annual Inspection – North Unit -The Fall 2025 semi-annual inspection of the north unit was completed on September 2nd. The draft report is currently in internal review and will be sent to the Agency for review prior to submitting it to the DNR.
- C. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment - Jetting was completed in the leachate line cleanouts that were located and accessible on August 6th. Grading and road work have been started to allow access to the cleanouts on the south slope of the landfill. Televising the leachate line that runs through Phase 1A and Phase 2 cells is recommended. Running the pump in LS-3 will be necessary to lower the leachate level in the cells prior to televising. This work needs to be completed to know if the western leachate line is functional or if modifications will be required with the design process in progress. This also affects preparing plans and specifications for completing cell construction next year.

SCS and the City of Clinton will meet on-site on October 7 to observe LPZ-1 and make plans to vacuum it.

- D. 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 semi-annual inspections to verify adequate vegetation stands prior to the end of the 2-year warranty.
- E. Phasing Plan - The vegetative intermediate cover on the western portion of the active area has been partially established. Some erosion channels and sparse vegetation are still present. A draft of the ADC Run-On/Run Off is in progress and will be submitted to the CCASWA Director.
- F. Lateral Expansion Plan - The Hydrogeological Work Plan was submitted to the DNR on August 4th and was approved by the DNR on August 13th. SCS is preparing a list of work to be completed by drillers, including geotechnical information needed, so we can receive bids and prepare the contract amendment for consideration at the November CCASW meeting. SCS will also scout the proposed drilling locations to make sure they are accessible by a drilling rig. The goal is to begin drilling activities in November.
- G. Airspace Report - Benzing Surveying performed the airspace survey on July 2nd. Survey data was received in late July and is being processed. We anticipate a final report being submitted to the Agency in mid-October. 3.9 years of airspace total. Looking to see what is realistic for use. DeWitt asked for the airspace to be emailed when it arrives.
- H. 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 1st, and initial repairs to the PVC well casing were made on May 8th. A protective metal well cover has been purchased, and it will be cemented into place this fall. Quarter 3 methane monitoring was completed on September 23rd. The 2nd semi-annual groundwater sampling event and Quarter 4 methane monitoring are scheduled for October.

Seward complimented DeWitt and Clinton for their efforts for the city of Clinton Sewer Maintenance Department on vacuuming the sludge from the one well area.

**LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT** – B.J. Bauman of Rittmer – Staff working on south face to dress it up. Moving fence down and adding fence. We are looking for wetter weather areas. Not a lot of room. Cell will be narrower.

DeWitt: How much time is needed?

Bauman: Got a good year, but after next fall it's going to get difficult. Wanting to have multiple areas for dry and wet weather access. Helps with compaction and planning.

DeWitt: Wanting to build next year? Seward: Budgeted for this fiscal year and beginning of next fiscal year.

Bauman: Should be good as long as it's open next year.

Marczewski: Leachate still in that pipe. Need to get sludge vacuumed out. Make sure that pump runs.

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

Delmar: Looked at West landfill. No mowing needed this fall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. City of Clinton Sludge Plan Update – This is the portion of the meeting for the city sludge update. Some loads are still coming in. Fewer loads in total are coming in though. 10 loads were brought in during September. Clinton: Ball in the court of the plant machinery. Working to get all of the generators on board and operational.
- B. West Landfill (Closed) – Solar Discussion – I have contacted five companies. Eagle Point Solar responded and pointed me toward another company out Chicago, which is one of the four other companies I reached out to. I have not received any communications back from those companies.

Clinton County: Not a close access point for the grid.

Clinton: time running out for program.

DeWitt: Was just interested to see what could be done.

Seward: Do we want to table until there is an update? Clinton asked for the topic to be tabled until new updates are available.

- C. Rittmer Usage of Red Barn / Discussion of Potential Agreement-  
This document was handed out last month and was in the packet this time for review. Does anybody have any comments or suggestions on this proposed document? Seward will talk with B.J. Bauman of Rittmer on topic. Bring it back for next month.
- D. RFP Development for Recycling Material Trucking Discussion – While putting the finishing touches on the RFP, I found language in the RFP for two, one-year renewals. I then went back and checked the 2021 RFP and found the same language. I asked Crystal Creek officials if the company would be willing to renew current terms for at least one more year if the board agreed to it. Crystal Creek indicated it would agree to a renewal if approved. This is a board level decision. Do we offer the renewal at the current term, or do I take this out for the RFP?

Andover: Do you feel Crystal Creek does the job well? Seward: I do. Andover: Likely going to cost more with RFP.

Clinton: Are we one a one-year renewal right now? Seward: No, this would be the first of two potential one-year renewals. If the board wanted to do such, then another one-year renewal could be considered next year.

Clinton: I don't think we're going to get it cheaper.

Andover made a motion to do a one-year renewal of the Crystal Creek Recycling Trucking Agreement (Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026). Clinton seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Schemers – Yes  
Camanche – Varner - Yes  
Grand Mound – Lange - Yes

Clinton County – Irwin -Yes  
Andover – White - Yes  
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

DeWitt – Chrones -Yes  
Delmar – Goodall – Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until October 9th, 2025, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:01 PM.