

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
JANUARY 9, 2025**

10 PRESENT

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

Clinton - Schemers
Camanche – Varner
Delmar – Goodall
Low Moor - Goldensoph

Clinton County – Irwin
Andover – White
Goose Lake - Mattis

DeWitt – Chrones
Calamus – Sprague
Grand Mound – Lange

We have 10 votes present; 6 votes needed for majority and 8 needed for a super majority.

Clinton County made a motion to approve December 12, 2024 minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE

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

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2025: Seward: Our 2024 officers were Paul Varner of Camanche as Chair, Kari White of Andover as vice-chair, and Bill Schemers of Clinton as Secretary-Treasurer.

Clinton County made a motion to retain the same officers for 2025. Low Moor seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Officers for 2025: Chair – Paul Varner – Camanche, Vice-Chair – Kari White – Andover, and Secretary-Treasurer – Bill Schemers – Clinton.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A.** Board Member Contact Information / E-mail Delivery Sign Up – Please let the Director know if any board member contact information has changes.
- B.** New Board Member Orientation - New board members, if you have not done so already, please schedule a tour of the facility to help accelerate new board member learning.
- C.** 2024 Calendar Year Landfill Tonnage / Recycling Tonnage Update - The landfill took in 61,477 tons of material in 2024. This is an increase of 4,640 tons from 2023 (56,837). That tonnage increase can be attributed to the increased building demolition in the area and the renovation at the Clinton WWTP (5,302 tons of cake).

In 2024 the recycling center took in 2640 tons. This is up about 110 tons from 2023.

- D.** 2024 Appliance Demanufacturing Figures - In 2024 agency staff demanufactured 925 appliances. Around 110 were from out of county at the scale and 100 were from Jackson County. That total number is about half of the number demanufactured from 2023. Mainly because of prolonged staffing illness.

DeWitt: What will be done if staff member gets sick again? Seward: Planning on getting somebody else trained to prepare, in case of such.

- E.** 2024 RCC Usage Figures
The RCC served over 950 Clinton County households in 2024. This was back up from almost 900 in 2023.

- F. Vespene Project Update – According the Brett Arnold with Vespene, there was a slow down around the holidays and with the election this year on progress being made with the DOE and at other sites, so the last update remains the same. They are closely monitoring the new administration coming into office later this month and keeping an eye on what ripple effect that might have for our project. They are not expecting anything, but will absolutely keep us updated when we know more. In the meantime, Vespene will keep you posted with any big updates.

Clinton: Any definition of ripple effect? Seward: No.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Spencer LaBelle of SCS: ATTACHMENT # 1

- 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. We are working to find a different contractor that can complete the work requested. BWC was unable to clean and televise the entire leachate collection pipe length. BWC was able to clean and televise ~27% of the leachate collection pipes.

DeWitt: Are we paying for that twice? Seward: BWC only paid for percentage of work completed.

Clinton: Was televising in contract? Yes. Did what they could.

LaBelle: Three bids were retained. BWC was the lowest bid. Turned out they could not meet. Have been told to stop. Jetting has to be done every three years. BWC has done this before, but not getting full lengths.

Clinton: Previous engineering company had been here before. No televising before.

- B. North Leachate Interceptor Trench - The North Leachate Interceptor Trench and rock chute are both installed. Seeding will take place in the Spring; timing is weather dependent. A draft report documenting the construction is prepared and is pending confirmation from Rittmer regarding the slope of the interceptor trench pipe. A draft will be submitted to the Agency upon confirmation.
- C. Phasing Plan - A draft phasing plan has been prepared. A meeting with the Agency and Rittmer is being scheduled for this month. Helps everybody be on same page.
- D. Landfill Monitoring Update - Well abandonment at the West Site is scheduled to begin on 1/7/25 and will likely take 2-3 business days. Quarter one methane monitoring is scheduled to occur this month.

Seward: West landfill debris brought into the facility, including excess piping this week.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: Low Moor – landfill operations staging process with four lanes is confusing, may need some work. A patron had reported operator being angry toward them.

Clinton County – agree there is some confusion.

DeWitt: Worried about operators yelling at people and being angry.

Seward: Will talk with Rittmer management about the situation.

Signage is good, but process is confusing. Seward: Indicated there could be some “growing pains”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Future Committee Meetings Discussion – Appointments : Handbook group will be meeting, soon.

DeWitt, Clinton, Andover, and Camanche interested in being on a budget preparation committee. Group discussed meeting February 26th at 5:30 PM, tentatively.

Clinton: would like to start thinking about board volunteers for evaluations of staff and Director.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until February 13, 2025, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 6:52 PM.