

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
APRIL 10, 2025

8 PRESENT

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

Clinton - Schemers
Camanche – Varner
Grand Mound – Lange

Clinton County – Irwin
Delmar – Goodall
Low Moor - Goldensoph

DeWitt – Chrones
Goose Lake – Mattis

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

Clinton made a motion to approve March 13th, 2025 minutes. Goose Lake seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE

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

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. Legislative Update – See handout.
- B. Health Insurance Premium Rate Change – True North has contacted us to let us know that medical health insurance rates will be increasing 8.42%, which I'm told is a relatively favorable considering the market trends. No increase in vision or dental.
- C. Committee Meeting - Proposed Staff Wages FY 2026 – We will need a committee to meet to prepare recommended wages for FY 2026 for the May meeting. Camanche, Clinton, and Clinton County volunteered to serve on committee.

Board members briefly talked. Clinton and Clinton County had not set wages. DeWitt mentioned they did 4 and 4.5%.

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

- A. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment - The Agency has the improvement options and RMC Upgrade options 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 have a quote from VisuSewer and seeking a second quote from HK Solutions.
- B. North Leachate Interceptor Trench - The draft CQA report is submitted to the Agency for review.
- C. 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. Once complete, the ADC Run-On/Run Off will be updated by SCS and finalized. LaBelle believes the work to be done.
- D. Electrical Improvements - SCS has been asked to procure an electrical contractor to improve electrical connections to the North Unit lift stations. Quote from Leslie Electric was received on April 4, 2025.
- E. Airspace Contract - Currently working with Benzing Surveying to perform airspace survey on or around June 30th, weather permitting.
- F. Permit Renewal + On-call Contract - Current permit expires October 1, 2025. SCS will submit the permit renewal application to the DNR, after agency review, by the July 3rd, 2025 deadline.

- G.** Landfill Monitoring Update - A downed tree has damaged monitoring well PZ-6-R16 on the east side of the North Unit in the ravine. The Agency is working to remove the tree. Quarter one groundwater monitoring was completed in March.

Seward had talked with SCS about helping with downed tree. Tree is down on northeast corner by step out wells. Low Moor asked about tree and volunteered to assess and cut it up. Rittmer also offered to help haul it out if needed.

- H.** Financial Assurance - Financial Assurance Documents sent to DNR on April 1st.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – BJ Bauman of Rittmer, Inc.

Few windy days. Addressing any litter.

Intermediate cover has been placed on west and north side on Phase Two. Shaping it up. Four days of incorporating sludge. Need to get more trash in to incorporate more sludge.

Bauman asked about seeding proposal given to Seward. Seward indicated the issue should be brought up under emergency business.

Things have been going well. Drier weather.

DeWitt asked about borrow pit and how deep Rittmer can go.

Bauman: Berms and trenches have been placed in borrow area to slow runoff. Don't want to sacrifice good liner material or cover material. Doesn't want to go too much deeper on south end of borrow. Would like to move north at a slope. Seward: Indicated if Bauman wanted to borrow into yard waste area, then a new yard waste area would need to be prepared.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.** City of Clinton Sludge Plan Update / Potential Action on Contract – This topic is back on the agenda, as we have been asked by board members to make sure to add the City of Clinton/SCS Sludge management plan to the landfill operations contract officially.

This would be the official method of handling sewage sludge until material is drier or reclassified.

Bauman: Wanting to figure out when it can be landfilled using regular method, based on moisture level.

Clinton: Got updates on project. ADM and Clinton, planning to be on schedule and be operational by October. This new sludge would be class one. City staff doesn't think sludge would come here, I won't say never. 90% dry.

DeWitt: at what percentage when could we stop handling it in this method?

LaBelle: we estimate that when sludge moisture content is around 40%, then it would be about the strength of regular solid waste. To provide a definitive answer we would need a shear strength test, friction testing. Once we get around 40%, we would need to run that assessment and check the stability model already built.

Clinton County: Class one versus class two? LaBelle: Class is not based on moisture. Class two sludge has higher amounts of pathogens after treatment than class one. Seward: In short, class one is more sterile sludge.

Clinton: ADM had to bring in more microbes from Decatur, Illinois for this plant to meet class one. Cleaning out old stuff and ADM stuff. I'd have to work with project manager and get an idea.

DeWitt: I would want to revisit this and get an idea of what we are getting.

Seward: to this point only five loads of sludge have come in this month.

Clinton: Process is to get rid existing sludge on site, mainly.

Clinton County: we should add it to the contract and add it as a monthly update.

Clinton County made a motion to add this sludge management plan to the landfill operations contract. Delmar seconded the motion. Further discussion took place.

Bauman: Has to be communication when this sludge is coming into the landfill. Clinton: Brad have me give them contact information and had them come up with a heads up. Bauman: This allows us to have a trench open. Clinton: If I don't ask, then I don't know.

Bauman: If they are testing the moisture, can we get it? Clinton: We're averaging 29%. Our dryer is not 100%. We're still dealing with old stuff that's being worked on.

Clinton County: When we get to the newer stuff, then we can check on it.

Clinton: When we get to the new stuff it's going to be 90% and Class one sludge.

Bauman: I want to have the communication to know what's coming in. Clinton: I will ask about that. The improvement is coming from nature, not the dryer.

Bauman: Is it documented per load or how much?

Clinton: I don't work there, I don't know.

Camanche: We need to get everybody together for a meeting at the plant.

Clinton: This stuff has been laying around.

Bauman: It was more regular. Clinton: City and ADM cleaning it up. It's just clearing out old stuff.

Goose Lake: How long to clean up the old stuff? Clinton: could be any time. We had planned to get the old material out by March.

Roll Call vote was taken.

Clinton – Schemers -ABSTAIN
Camanche – Varner - YES
Grand Mound – Lange- YES

Clinton County – Irwin - YES
Delmar – Goodall - YES
Low Moor - Goldensoph – YES

DeWitt – Chrones - YES
Goose Lake – Mattis -YES

Motion passes 7-0 with one abstain.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Leachate Pumps Electrical Line Replacement

PROPOSAL # 1

The electrical line to the leachate pumps has failed. The pumps in the north unit are not currently working. This has created an emergency situation. The failed line is about 20 years old. Originally a proposal for \$9500 was prepared as a band aid to the situation, but before that work could be done a permanent fix has been proposed. Not doing to the temporary fix will save us the \$9500. Leslie Electric working with a SCS contract would be the proposal.(this could come out of Environmental Protection Account).

Leslie Electric's part of this would be for \$29,979.

LaBelle: We would be handling the contract. There would be CQA. Total would be \$37,400 with be the SCS and Leslie total. Also, there would be a private utility locate.

DeWitt: What do these pumps do? Seward: Pump leachate from North Unit to lagoon.

DeWitt: Is North Unit open or closed? Seward: Closed, but can't use closure funds. Could use Environmental Protection Fund.

Goose Lake: No temporary fix, just permanent fix.

LaBelle: This electrical also allows for future expansion needs, too.

Clinton County: Do We need another bid? Seward: Purchase policy states that if deemed an emergency we don't need multiple bids.

\$25 thousand is the limit of the Executive Board's limit of approval.

Goose Lake: When can they start. LaBelle: could be done this month. Low Moor: Leslie is local.

Seward: The whole thing would need to be bid with conduit, too. Goose Lake: If it's an emergency then it needs to get going.

DeWitt: Could we take the CD coming due in June and recoup some of the Environmental Protection fund. Seward: thinking a little outside of the box, we could put money from the CD into the money market.

Delmar made motion to accept the Leslie/SCS Proposal. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Irwin - YES

DeWitt – Chrones – YES

Camanche – Varner - YES

Delmar – Goodall - YES

Goose Lake – Mattis -YES

Grand Mound – Lange- YES

Low Moor - Goldensoph – YES

Clinton – Schemers - YES

Motion passes 8-0.

B. SCS – Professional Services Proposal

PROPOSAL # 2

This proposal is for the Professional Services for Annual Environmental Compliance. Collier: Covers annual services we do. Four-year proposal, with three-year renewal options.

Clinton: Professional services does not have to go out for bid. Seward: Checked with Legal and that's correct.

Clinton County made motion to accept the SCS Proposal for Environmental Compliance. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones – YES
Goose Lake – Mattis -YES
Clinton – Schemers – YES

Camanche – Varner - YES
Grand Mound – Lange- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES

Delmar – Goodall - YES
Low Moor - Goldensoph – YES

Motion passes 8-0.

C. SCS – On-Call Services Proposal

PROPOSAL # 3

This proposal is for the On-call support services. Collier: Something is in place when we don't need a full proposal, It's up to \$30 per year. Only charged for parts you use.

Low Moor made motion to approve the on-call proposal. Clinton County seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Camanche – Varner - YES
Grand Mound – Lange- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES

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

Goose Lake – Mattis -YES
Clinton – Schemers – YES

Motion passes 8-0.

D. SCS – Airspace Analysis Proposal

PROPOSAL # 4

This proposal is for the annual air space analysis report. Seward: This tells us how much cell space is available.

Collier: This is also important with compaction bonuses.

DeWitt: I thought this contract didn't have compaction bonuses. Seward: The first contract did, the second one didn't have the bonus. This is the third contract for Rittmer. It does have one.

Collier: It's worth your while to additional compaction. Could be around 50 cents extra per ton.

DeWitt: Where's that put us financially? Seward: could be additional \$30K.

Clinton County: asked about density. Seward: Density increases available airspace.

Goose Lake made a motion to approve the air space analysis proposal. Delmar seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Grand Mound – Lange- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES

Motion passes 8-0.

E. SCS – Landfill Permit Renewal Proposal

PROPOSAL # 5

This proposal is for the renewal of the landfill permit. The permit is due for renewal this year. Very lengthy process. Collier: Dealing with the rewrite of chapters based on Executive Order 10 by governor. Will change code references. Lateral expansion plan will change things also. This will push some changes off until 2030. Expires October, will be due in July.

Goose Lake made a motion to approve the permit renewal proposal. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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

Grand Mound – Lange- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES
Delmar – Goodall - YES

Low Moor - Goldensoph – YES
DeWitt – Chrones – YES

Motion passes 8-0.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS:

- A.** Rittmer Seeding Proposal: Bauman: We need to do about ten acres of seeding. Intermediate cover areas and borrow pit seeding proposal. Seed mix will grow quick stand and we will use tracking method to get things to grow on slopes.

Need to get seeding on slopes for intermediate cover.

Camanche: Contract in front of me. Article 2 talks about final grade and intermediate cover. Asking about if Rittmer is taking care of seeding.

Collier: cells is part of general permit one.

Camanche: When I look at it, is it different than what's in the contract?

Bauman: Not all seed is the same. Believe contract reads final cover seeding. This is intermediate cover.

Collier: Contract states final and intermediate cover. Would be covered by Rittmer.

Bauman: I understand inside of the cell, but what about the borrow areas?

Collier: Has to look at general permit of SWPPP.

Clinton: Have to work with SCS to work out details and Executive Board could make a decision.

Collier: Total acres would need to be addressed.

Clinton County made motion to have Seward, SCS, and Rittmer address details and cover up to ten acres of seeding in prevue of contract. (Notification of board members about details). Low Moor seconded. Roll call taken.

Grand Mound – Lange- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES
Delmar – Goodall - YES

Low Moor - Goldensoph – YES
DeWitt – Chrones – YES
Goose Lake – Mattis -YES

Clinton – Schemers – YES
Camanche – Varner - YES

Motion passes 8-0.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until May 8, 2025, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:44 PM.