

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY**  
**MAY 8, 2025**

8 PRESENT

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were;

Clinton - Schemers  
Camanche – Varner  
Lost Nation – Gilroy

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 April 10th, 2025 minutes. Low Moor seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** NONE

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

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

- A. Legislative Update – See handout. Legislature is in overtime.
- B. Jackson County Transfer Station Fire Update – On April 28<sup>th</sup>, a fire, likely in the waste, started and burnt the Jackson County Transfer Station. I was contacted the next morning by Frank Frieberg, Director at Waste Authority of Jackson County, who requested help from us. I spoke with the Executive Board and we agreed to accept trash from Jackson County at our full gate rate. Not all of the material will be coming here; some will be hauled to Dubuque.

Nobody was hurt. The building and two loaders are a total loss. No cause was determined.

This is a similar scenario to what happened back in 2012 when the same facility also burned. The last time it took eight months to rebuild. But this time, the design plans to rebuild the building will be reused. Frieberg hopes the process of rebuilding will go faster this time.

The facility does about 10 thousand tons in waste annually. My guess is we will see four to five thousand tons of material brought in from Jackson County.

DeWitt: Does that speed up building cell? Airspace analysis in June.

- C. Staffing Update – Wrapped up interviews for the scale part time worker this morning. Selection is coming. Also, I am opening up a position for Assistant Site Supervisor. This person will train with Jason Bahnsen our Site Supervisor and assist him with his duties. Salary for this person will be in the \$25 per hour range. Was accounted for in proposed budget discussed with committee.
- D. Memorial Day Closure – All agency facilities will be closed on May 26<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day.

**ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Sean Marczewski of SCS: ATTACHMENT # 1**

- 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 panel at LS-2 that is keeping it from running correctly on auto. This will need to be addressed to allow leachate to continue to be pumped out of LS-2 once the electrical repair is complete.

A South Unit report will be completed after the jetting, cleaning, and televising of the leachate collection pipes are completed. We have quotes from VisuSewer and HK Solutions.

- 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.
- 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.
- D. Electrical Improvements - Leslie Electric commenced work on April 28th. Work is anticipated to be completed by May 9th.
- E. Lateral Expansion Plan - The Phase I Archaeological Survey Report and the Threatened and Endangered Species Habitat Suitability Assessment and Wetland Report have been completed for the expansion area. SCS is currently reviewing the results provided. Benzing Surveying completed the topography update on March 26, 2025. We have received the data and are working on updating the site map. Work is progressing on the Hydrogeological Work Plan. We anticipate having a draft for review by the end of May and submitting it to the DNR upon Agency approval.
- F. Airspace Contract - Have confirmation from Benzing Surveying to perform airspace survey on or around June 30, weather permitting.
- G. 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. Seward indicated process of updating has started.
- 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 1, and a repair will be attempted. The 1st semi-annual groundwater monitoring event was completed in March. The spring sampling notification is in progress. Quarter 2 methane monitoring was completed on May 1. No exceedances were measured. Board and Seward thanked Low Moor for help in removing tree.
- I. Sludge Work Update – Old previous existing sludge being moved. Hoping to have pile moved by next week.

#### **LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – NONE**

DeWitt: Please convey to Rittmer that South slope needs some serious cleanup. Can be seen from road. It can look better.

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

- A. West Landfill (Closed) Property: Delmar: Would like to cut/bale grass and spray weeds. Hoping in June.

Delmar: Talking about cutting tree at issue with neighbor, too.

Delmar: Wants to get some potential bids on placing maintenance fence on north side of property. 700 feet approximately. Low Moor: It's our fence? Yes.

Clinton County: explained fence rules briefly.

Delmar will look into it.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. City of Clinton Sludge Plan Update / Potential Sludge Payment **ATTACHMENT # 2**  
This is the monthly update on the city of Clinton Sludge. A group from the agency, Rittmer, and SCS recently toured the wastewater reclamation facility in Clinton and had numerous questions answered.

Clinton: material coming in is drier. Wasn't much left. All the old stuff is gone. When dryer is going online, material goes to 95% solids. Hoping this will be in June. Will go to Class I at that time. Could be placed without trenches.

Seward: Rittmer was paid for \$9.50 additional per ton for new sludge tonnage brought in April. A little over 438 tons of new sludge were brought in last month amounting to \$4100 in payment.

Also, a \$50K payment application has been submitted from Rittmer for the sludge movement from the Phase Zero and E-1 areas. However, it appears the work is still on-going. I will let the board decide how to handle this.

DeWitt: you want to wait until finished to pay the \$50K? Clinton: that's how it normally works.

DeWitt: My concern was that this was another bill. Seward: Not the case.

Clinton: Light is at the end of the tunnel.

Low Moor: Asked about \$50K bill. DeWitt: Board approved proposal in March.

Clinton: Really good field trip and meeting at the plant.

DeWitt: Conversations about forever chemicals are interesting. PFAs and PFOAS.

Clinton: Once new Class I material is ready, there will be analysis.

Clinton: Map comparison from Spencer LaBelle of SCS showed maps that showed sludge pile was spreading before clean up. Could have been worse.

## **B. Leachate Line Cleaning Proposals**

### **PROPOSALS # 1 & # 2**

Before you are two leachate line cleaning proposals. One from Visu Sewer and one from Hydro Klean. The Hydro Klean proposal gives an estimate of total cost. Visu Sewer's does not, only listing the charge per hour.

DeWitt: What is SCS' recommendation? Marczewski: Our opinion that Hydro Klean would be the better choice. Seward: We don't have enough source water, so water wagon will be needed.

Marczewski: Concerns about Visu Sewer reaching certain lengths.

Andover made a motion to approve the Hydro Klean proposal for jetting of leachate lines. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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Lost Nation – Gilroy - Yes

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Motion passes 8-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Legal Services for Agency – Brian Donnelly has notified the agency he is leaving to take a job with the Jackson County Attorney's office. I plan to solicit services for agency attorney from Martha Shaff of Betty, Neuman, and McMahon in Davenport. Shaff has already previously worked with the agency on issues before. It was also suggested that we contact Sarah Oldsen of DeWitt for possible work. Any other suggestions?

Clinton County: Oldsen worked with Donnelly and former agency attorney, John Peavey.

**B. Recycling Trailer Walking Floor Replacement**

**PROPOSAL # 3**

Before you is a proposal to replace the walking floor of the Recycling Trailer from Jim Hawk Truck Trailers of Davenport (\$35,702.45). I spoke with Will Fischer of Crystal Creek, our hauler of recycling. Fischer indicated he checked with the other trailer businesses in the Quad Cities area and none of them would work on a walking floor trailer. Therefore, it pretty much limits where we can go.

The floor replacement supplies would take 6-8 weeks to arrive.

This could be funded out of the recycling retainage account, as it is for the recycling center (\$750K account).

Clinton County: next closest places to fix the trailer would be Sioux City or Minnesota.

There was a question about renting a trailer while repairs are going on. Seward: Our trailer is pretty unique. We will probably have to live load a belt trailer while the repairs are taking place. Expected to take a little more than a week.

Andover made a motion to approve the walking floor replacement with Jim Hawk Truck Trailers and transferring money from the Recycling Reserves account to pay for it. DeWitt seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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Camanche – Varner – Yes

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**C. Expiring CDs at Citizens First Bank Discussion – We have one CD expiring next month and multiple CDs expiring the next few months. I plan to contact the local banks for rates and bring them next month for consideration.**

DeWitt: Take about half of the nearly three-million-dollar CD and prepare for cell construction.

Low Moor: Should look into shorter CD for the cell building money.

Low Moor: Could get negotiated rates via call. May have to pay some money to if you need money sooner.

DeWitt: Is there a concern about having amount all in one CD? Maybe we could break it up into several rates.

Seward will prepare rates for consideration before the next month.

**D. Wage Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

**RESOLUTION # 1**

The wage committee has proposed a 2.88% average increase in wages for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. This past year as 3.5%. The new wages would equate to an approximate \$11,500 increase. The plan is also to bring an additional staffer on during the next year, which would also increase the wage funding by \$52,000. Seward thanked the committee for its work.

DeWitt made a motion to approve the wage resolution as presented. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

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Camanche – Varner – Yes

Andover – White - Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes

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- E. Discussion: Planning for the Director of Operations and Education Evaluation - Normally, my evaluation is performed in June. I ask that this be performed in closed session.

DeWitt offered to do the employee interviews. Clinton County will speak with the Director. Then board members will fill out evaluations. Plan is to conduct work May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** The budget will be presented for approval, likely next month.

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until June 12, 2025, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:18 PM.