CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
JANUARY 8, 2026

8 PRESENT

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

Clinton County – Irwin	DeWitt – Chrones	Camanche – Varner
Calamus – Sprague	Charlotte – Snyder	Delmar – Goodall
Grand Mound – Lange	Low Moor - Goldensoph	

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

Clinton County made a motion to approve December 16, 2025, minutes. Delmar seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE

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

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2026: Seward: Our 2025 officers were Paul Varner of Camanche as Chair, Kari White of Andover as vice-chair, and Bill Schemers of Clinton as Secretary-Treasurer. Bill Schemers is no longer part of the board. What would the board like to do for officers?

Delmar made a motion to retain the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026 and nominated DeWitt to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Clinton County seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Irwin - YES	DeWitt – Chrones - ABSTAIN	Camanche – Varner - ABSTAIN
Calamus – Sprague- YES	Charlotte - Snyder- YES	Delmar – Goodall- YES
Grand Mound – Lange- YES	Low Moor - Goldensoph- YES	

Motion passes 6-0, with two members abstaining.

Officers for 2026: Chair – Paul Varner – Camanche, Vice-Chair – Kari White – Andover, and Secretary-Treasurer – Garey Chrones -DeWitt.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

A. Board Member Contact Information / E-mail Delivery Sign Up - I am passing along a sheet for board member contact information **that has changed**. I am also passing along a sign up for e-mail delivery of the agenda and accompanying documents.

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. Hiring/Cross-Training Updates – The agency has hired Aaron Mink as assistant site supervisor at the rate of $30 per hour. We are currently accepting applicants for the flex part time person.

As for the cross training, some has already started. I'm working to schedule some of the other staff on cross training also.

D. 2025 Calendar Year Landfill Tonnage / Recycling Tonnage Update - The landfill took in 59,813 tons in 2025. This is down about 1700 tons from 2024 (61,477 tons). Most of the change can be tied to a 2000 ton drop off in Clinton Wastewater Treatment sludge cake in 2025.

DeWitt inquired about Clinton sludge cake. Seward: The wet stuff is still coming in after a malfunction at the plant with some of the processing equipment. Seward will send out an update via e-mail regarding

the sludge update. DeWitt: We still need to pay Rittmer for the sludge processing? Seward: Yes. DeWitt: Rittmer doesn't have to request the processing amount? Seward: Automatically figured for payment.

In 2025 the recycling center took 2594 tons. This is down about 46 tons from 2024.

E. 2025 RCC Usage Figures - The RCC served around 900 Clinton County households in 2025. This is down from around 950 residents in 2024.

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

A. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment: Marczewski: HK was out this week to see if that leachate line was functional. Unfortunately, we were not able to through to the junction through four different clean outs. The pipes have a lot of debris and deposits in them. There is also large weld seams that make it difficult to get through.

   Christine Collier with SCS is in the process of going through information and setting up a meeting with DNR, hopefully in the next week. She doesn't think that using that line is dead in the water yet. There may be a problem with the aggregate trench surrounding the pipe. She's going through all the options. Hoping to have an update within a week.

   Preliminary plan is to build cell 3 and then connect to existing pipe and create a header pipe to the west to connect into also.

   Seward: Does SCS need ability to move on through the Executive Board or a special board meeting? This would not slow the process down for SCS and the agency.

Clinton County made a motion to allow the Executive Board to work on the board's behalf to keep project moving along. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones - YES	Camanche – Varner - YES	Delmar – Goodall- YES
Calamus – Sprague- YES	Charlotte - Snyder- YES	Grand Mound – Lange- YES
Low Moor - Goldensoph- YES	Clinton County – Irwin - YES	

Motion passes unanimously.

DeWitt also suggested if we have to pivot on the process and do Cell E-2 instead that we do all of E-2 instead of just a small portion of it. I don't want to do this again in three years.

Clinton County made a motion that if necessary, then we do all of the E-2 Cell. Delmar seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Camanche – Varner - YES	Calamus – Sprague- YES	Charlotte - Snyder- YES
Delmar – Goodall- YES	Grand Mound – Lange- YES	Low Moor - Goldensoph- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES	DeWitt – Chrones - YES	

Motion passes unanimously.

Marczewski: Will pass along the flash drive to Seward with the videos.

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 semi-annual inspections to verify adequate vegetation stands prior to the end of the 2-year warranty.

C. Lateral Expansion Plan - The Hydrogeological Work Plan was submitted to the DNR on August 4, 2025 and was approved by the DNR on August 13, 2025. CCSWA approved the contract

amendment for implementation of the Hydrogeological Work Plan on December 16, 2025. SCS is coordinating with UES to schedule the drilling around February 16th, weather depending. 11 wells will be placed. Todd Courtney will come out with surveyor next week.

D. Landfill Monitoring Update - The North MSWLF Unit 2025 Annual Water Quality Report was submitted to the DNR on December 30, 2025. The South MSWLF Unit 2025 Annual Water Quality Report is currently being drafted with submittal prior to the January 31, 2026 deadline.

E. Remote Monitoring Control System - Panel construction is complete, and the panels are being shipped to the landfill. Installation is scheduled for the week of January 12, 2026.

F. Current and Upcoming Action Items - A scope of services will be finalized upon completion of the line camera, assessment of the results, and meeting with the DNR to confirm a path forward with the leachate collection system in Phases 1A and 2. We will provide the proposal to the CCASWA Director as soon as possible for approval by CCASWA. This will likely include a design revision and request to construct prior to plans and specifications development and going out to bid.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Rittmer, Inc. – Seward: The cover deficiency has been mostly, but not completely addressed. Letter was sent via e-mail to BJ Bauman of Rittmer with photos and code citations.

Clinton County: what was the reason given for cover issues? Seward was told it was because of shaping of the west edge of the cell. Seward: Cover is a must do.

DeWitt: If we're cited, then Rittmer would have to deal with it. Seward: In the contract that way.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: DeWitt: Who would like to be on the budget committee? March 19th at 5:30 PM.

Seward: I think the Executive Board will be on board. Clinton County also will be there. Seward will send out an e-mail reminder.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Potential Recycling Fees at Scott County Facility Discussion **ATTACHMENTS #2 & 3**

The recycling markets have been experiencing a downturn. While we have a surplus now with Scott County, it's expected the surplus will not last beyond 6 months. They are working with all who haul to them on a new financial model. What is being suggested to us is a flat $10 per ton fee, starting July 1st, instead of potentially paying based on the market fluctuations. This topic was briefly discussed with the Executive Board last month. The email briefly explains that if the $10 per ton more than covers the cost, then we could get a refund toward the end of the fiscal year. All told we average about 2600 tons per year shipped to Scott County. That in turn would mean about $26,000 paid to Scott County per year. For the out of county materials, which is charged for, we have taken in about $21K for the last calendar year. (~460 tons).

Low Moor: This would be a fee that the haulers would be paying for? Seward: currently not charging for in county recycling. Right now not even public paying for it. DeWitt: We're trying not to charge Clinton County recycling. Seward: Maybe out of county could massage their rates?

DeWitt: Maybe we can carry $4-5K for a year and determine whether we can handle it. Possibly even fund it through recycling retainage.

Low Moor: Savings in airspace even if it does cost us a little money.

Camanche made a motion to approve the $10 per ton recycling payment to Scott County Waste Commission plan. Delmar seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Calamus – Sprague- YES
Grand Mound – Lange- YES
DeWitt – Chrones - YES
Charlotte - Snyder- YES
Low Moor - Goldensoph- YES
Camanche – Varner - YES
Delmar – Goodall- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES

Motion passes unanimously.

B. ICAP Cyber Security Policy Proposal – ICAP/Core-Vens Follow-up – Core-Vens and ICAP set us up with a basic Cyber Coverage of $250K for $486 per year.

C. Scrap Metal Recycling Services Update – I spoke with Alter Metal Recycling about our scrap metal recycling. They pay us the market rate with a minimal freight rate factored in. They are 6 miles away from us. TNT Iron and Metals of Savanna also agreed they normally pay market rate and normally charge a $100 pickup fee. At this time I have not contacted other companies, as most of them are further away in distance.

DeWitt uses Alter. Delmar asked about White Goods recycling. Seward: Currently Alter gets White Goods (appliances that have been demanufactured) and scrap metal, too.

Delmar made a motion to continue with Alter in Clinton. Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Charlotte - Snyder- YES
Low Moor - Goldensoph- YES
Camanche – Varner - YES
Delmar – Goodall- YES
Clinton County – Irwin - YES
Calamus – Sprague- YES
Grand Mound – Lange- YES
DeWitt – Chrones - YES

Motion passes unanimously.

D. Recycling Skid Loader Replacement Update – Discussions are under way with Caterpillar, John Deere, and Case about potential loader replacement. Those three companies are waiting to get our skid loader back for evaluation for a potential trade. I plan to reach out the Kunau, P & K, Roeder Brothers to look at their options also. (Kubota, JCB, and New Holland).

Clinton County: P&K might have some sitting in their yard.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until February 12th, 2026, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:00 PM.