

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

8 PRESENT + 1 LATE (9)

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were.

Clinton – Winter
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 January 8, 2026, minutes. Andover seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE

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

Grand Mound - Lange – joined meeting late. We now have 9 present.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

A. DNR Appliance Demanufacturing Inspection (12/9/25) Update - **ATTACHMENT # 1**

I have enclosed the DNR report from the December inspection. There are a few comments. Reduction of number of appliances and notification of new hire to DNR were the recommendations. I did notify the DNR of the new hire and work to reduce the number of appliances is taking place already.

Clinton County: How is that going over there? Seward: Since new hire arrived, we have already processed around 350 appliances.

Andover: Asked if it was the staff was the reason for the increase? Seward: Staffing is helping.

B. 2025 Appliance Demanufacturing Figures – In 2025 Staff demanufactured 1157 appliances. This is up from 2024 (925, increase of 232). Around 100 Jackson County Appliances were brought in during 2025.

C. Landfill Fire Update (1/15) – I did e-mail the board about a small fire that took place in the landfill on January 15th. The fire took place just after close of business, about 4:45 PM. Rittmer crews had just left. A passerby reported seeing flames and called county dispatchers. Low Moor Fire was called out. We still had office staff on site. I contacted BJ Bauman and Rittmer Staff, who returned quickly with additional help. The fire was quickly covered and smothered. Nobody was hurt and nothing was damaged. Rittmer staff remained on site for about two hours and checked on the site a few times overnight to make sure nothing rekindled. The belief is that a damaged battery broke open, reacted, and ignited.

BJ Bauman: Had dirt berm that was borrowed from to smothering operations.

Andover: could we have done anything differently? Christine Collier (SCS): It's an issue across the state. Bauman indicated that it was under some soil and popped out.

Bauman: Do you have firefighting foam? Seward: Yes we have about 4-5 containers, but reaching its shelf life. Low Moor: maybe offer a "trade in" with some department and get newer bottles.

D. Personnel / Cross-Training Updates – Public Drop-off operator Rick Darling is no longer employed with the agency. A search is under way for his replacement. This has delayed the hiring of the part-time flex person, because so many people have applied for both positions.

About 90 people have applied. Seward: Want to hire the full-time person.

Cross-training is well under way. The basic cross-training should be complete this month.

- E. Audit Field Work – The state Auditor’s staff will be conducting audit field work for the fiscal year that ended in June of 2025. That field work starts new week.
- F. Legislative Update – I am handing out the legislative update. There are topics related to land application of wastewater sludge, resiliency plans, and more. Its about three pages, I urge you to read it, for informational purposes.
- G. KROS Radio Show Appearance – I spoke about keeping batteries out of the trash and recycling, appliance demanufacturing program rule changes, and recycling during an appearance on KROS radio on January 30th.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Christine Collier and Todd Courtney of SCS: ATTACHMENT # 2

- A. Lateral Expansion Plan - Benzing and SCS surveyed and staked the proposed drilling locations and ensured a rig could access each location on January 12, 2026. Rittmer is clearing several locations to ensure access. UES is scheduled to commence drilling on February 16, 2026 and is anticipated to take approximately one week to complete.
- B. 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 February 27, 2026 deadline.
- C. Remote Monitoring Control System - Installation was completed on January 16, 2026.

It was determined that the transducer in LS-3 is not functioning, and a replacement has been ordered and will be installed upon receipt.

The online dashboard is being finalized and is anticipated to be completed the week of February 9, 2026.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Rittmer, Inc. – BJ Bauman – Had some wind and litter in the last month. Lots of staff addressing it (agency and Rittmer). Operations going well. Looking into Phase 3 and how it fits in with operations. A lot freeze and thaw this time of year. We are wanting clean up some areas around the facility. Looking into some intermediate fencing to block some litter.

DeWitt: Why are you not using the tarp? Bauman: It will cold, but will start using it.

Clinton County: Asking about cover. Seward: Cover has improved, but daily areas need to be covered.

Clinton County asked if tarps are ours? Seward: Yes.

Todd Courtney talked about the flame retardant tarps. Can get some after market tarps that are flame retardant.

Seward: Will look into it with some guidance from SCS.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: Seward: Welcomed Travis Winter of Clinton to the board.

Seward: Wet sludge has stopped and dry sludge will be coming in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Recycling Skid Loader Replacement Update – We have most information and bids back from most of the potential vendors. We are still waiting on a vendor or two. We are planning on having this ready before the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Potential CD Renewals – I have handout to share with the board. The CD interest rates are not as high as they have been, but remain decent. We have a number of CDs coming due over the next two months. With that being said, do we want to shop for rates again or continue with Citizens First Bank. The best rates continue to be relatively short, which is not a bad situation with the need to build a cell in 2026.

Andover: Lets not waste manpower and time on this for this round. CFB has treated us well.

Clinton: asked about credit unions. Seward: Typically, just work with banks because of the FDIC Insurance.

Andover made a motion to shop for CD rates with Citizens First Bank. Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Winter – Yes	Clinton County – Irwin - Yes	DeWitt – Chrones - Yes
Camanche – Varner - Yes	Andover – White - Yes	Delmar – Goodall – Yes
Grand Mound – Lange – Yes	Lost Nation – Gilroy - Yes	Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

Motion passes unanimously. 9-0.

- B. Professional Services Proposal for Landfill 2026 Cell Construction **PROPOSAL # 1**
Before is a professional services proposal for landfill cell construction from SCS.

Collier: Did camera work. There is leachate in the cell. LS3 transducer needs to be replaced. SCS and landfill officials met via zoom call with DNR last week. DNR wants to see how LS3 will work when running. We need to construct this year.

What we are proposing is a header pipe to the west for a redundancy plan.

DeWitt: So we are working on Phase 3? Collier: Estimated at 6 years.

Collier: We have been using alternative liners, which does not allow us to recirculate and evaporate leachate over those cells. We want to look into an equivalency liner, so we could recirculate leachate over those. We will do some soil testing to make sure we have no issues.

SCS will be drilling next week with a geologist on site.

This drilling will help us determine the type of liner needed. Recirculation option is at least looking at.

Bauman briefly talked about offsite dirt, but it was determined to be cost prohibitive because of still needing geo-composite liner (GCL). It would be too costly to truck the dirt in.

Collier: doing Phase 3, with a header pipe.

Collier: Timing will have substantial completion by October 31st. Final completion by December 1st. Bidding in April and construction starting in July.

Collier: This is the request to construct, the design modification, and getting through the bid process.

DeWitt: Do we need to be cashing out a CD? Seward: Not for this proposal. However, we can start discussing options for CD funds.

Clinton County made a motion to approve the SCS Proposal (\$85,190). Low Moor seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Irwin - Yes
Andover – White - Yes
Lost Nation – Gilroy - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes
Delmar – Goodall – Yes
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

Camanche – Varner – Yes
Grand Mound – Lange – Yes
Clinton – Winter – Yes

Motion passes unanimously. 9-0.

C. Rittmer Contract Details Discussion / Potential Action

ATTACHMENT # 3

Rittmer, Inc. has sent us a memo regarding its thoughts regarding a compaction bonus.

Bauman: Contract start January 1, 2025. Typically contracts start in July. Bauman explained the memo sent out, the compaction table, bonus schedule.

Bauman: airspace survey was performed in July, report came out in December. Contract reads that payments can be split in September and December. None of us really looked at this point.

Then realizing we had been here for a year, with that survey gap.

The survey doesn't align with the contract dates. SCS has to have the adequate time to compile the data.

We need a resolution. If their report comes out in December, how are you going to pay us anyway.

My ask was when were we going to get paid. There are couple of options. The cleanest is being paid bonus for the first six months.

Compaction doesn't change much throughout the time.

DeWitt: You're proposing we pay the six months of the contract? Compaction study is only done once a year.

Collier: We did a survey on March 26th, 2025 due to the landfill expansion project. Doing that the compaction from March to July was 1434 lbs. per cubic yard.

Collier: for some reason last year it took much longer than normal. DeWitt: There will not be a six month gap again. This will align better with the schedule to get Rittmer paid, next time around. But we owe Rittmer for the six months of work you already did. Is that where you're leaning?

Bauman: It's not what I put in the memo, but it makes the most sense.

Andover: asked what compaction number was again? 1434 lbs. per cubic yard. Bauman: News to me because report said 1703 lbs. per cubic yard.

DeWitt: Six months was out of contract and six months was in contract.

Bauman: what's been sent to me says 1700. I struggle to see how it dropped. The difference is the cost. At 1700 the bonus is \$2 per ton. At 1400 its 50 cents per ton.

Collier: it's interesting that 1700 seems high. For it to drop to 1400 is weird.

Bauman: We upgraded the machine size in 2024. The increase we believe is tied to machine size.

DeWitt: should we not have another survey? Andover: She says we cannot go back.

Collier: usually we get data back quicker and turn it around quicker.

Clinton County: Did an odd survey in March? Normally you do one around the end of the fiscal year, correct? Collier: Yes.

Bauman explained the purposes of the larger machine. Heavier, different style wheels, creating denser pack.

Bauman: Asking for payment for six months of 2025.

Bauman: we have a report that says 1700, now I'm finding out we have another report. Volume difference is \$2 per ton versus 50 cents per ton. The way the contract is written says payment in September and December. If we can get the data reported faster, then that is better.

Collier: Once we have the data, we can get the report turned around. Bauman: I think that's fair. I'm not so much concerned about the timing if it's reasonable. We have an administrative gap in the contract.

Andover: You read the contract and we read the contract and nobody thought it was a big deal until tonight? Seward: there's been some talk going on. Andover: I'm just trying to understand what's going on.

Collier: The date is December 3rd. We were going through data to make sure everything was correct. It took longer than it should have. Moving forward, It's not an issue. It's clear in the contract it's July 1st to June 30.

Bauman: Don't move the survey date, really the discussion is what is the compaction prorated over the first six months.

DeWitt: We owe you something, but we're not sure what we owe you.

Clinton County: He's trying to get paid for January 1st 2025 to June 30th, 2025. That March 26th survey doesn't really count for anything.

Collier: Let me clarify why we are looking into the numbers. There's quite a bit of a jump in the compaction numbers. One of the tools we accidentally had was the March survey.

Clinton County: You were just running the numbers.

Seward: First six months about 30K tons were brought in. We are looking at whether we pay \$60 thousand or \$15 thousand.

Clinton County: I don't think we wait until July for another one. I think we owe him some money. If the report says 1703, then that's the number. Collier: I have no skin in that game.

Andover: That 1700 is a whole year. Clinton County: Would prorate the tons. Tons from January 1st to June 30th.

DeWitt; is there a difference between the two surveys? Collier: No.

DeWitt: What's the in between? Andover: Goes up 50 cents each tier.

DeWitt: I'm sorry this is something that none of us paid any attention to this. You definitely deserve something.

Bauman: I understand how it works. I'm here to say we're in breach of contract. You haven't paid the bonus. That from the initial email to Seward to last week when I got it on the agenda. We've had correspondence, but no resolution. Here we are. I think what's fair is the \$2 per ton bonus.

DeWitt: I'd like to go with what the report says. Andover: Can we discuss this?

DeWitt: I'm of the opinion to go with the full report.

Clinton County: If we weren't doing an expansion, then we wouldn't have had the March survey.

Collier: If we had all caught it, when we reviewed the contract we could have done something closer to January 1.

Low Moor: If the information he has says 1703, then that's what should go with.

Delmar: Can't dispute the number.

Grand Mound: Had new heavier machine in 2024.

Andover: I agree he's owed something, but there's a gray area.

Clinton County: We're only paying him for the six months.

DeWitt: We weren't told about it until now. Seward: We were talking internally.

Andover made a motion to pay the \$2 per ton compaction bonus to Rittmer for the first six months of the contract. Low Moor seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes

Delmar – Goodall – Yes

Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

Camanche – Varner – Yes

Grand Mound – Lange – Yes

Clinton – Winter – Yes

Andover – White - Yes

Lost Nation – Gilroy - Yes

Clinton County – Irwin - Yes

Motion passes unanimously. 9-0.

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until March 12th, 2026, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:44 PM.