

CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY
MARCH 12, 2026

8 PRESENT

Chairman Varner called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Roll call was taken; those present were.

Clinton – Winter	DeWitt – Chrones	Camanche – Varner
Calamus – Sprague	Delmar – Goodall	Goose Lake - Mattis
Grand Mound - Lange	Low Moor - Goldensoph	

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

Low Moor made a motion to approve February 12, 2026, minutes. Delmar 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.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND EDUCATION REPORT – Brad Seward

- A. Personnel Update – Interviews are taking place for the public drop off position. Hope to have somebody hired next week.
- B. Legislative Update – See handout.
- C. Jackson County Transfer Station Rebuild Update – After a long insurance process, the rebuild from the transfer station fire is taking place. Officials at Jackson County believe the building will be fully operational by late April or early May.

ENGINEER SITE REPORT –Todd Courtney of SCS: ATTACHMENT # 1

- A. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment - A detailed historical update was provided in the January Progress Update. The transducer associated with Lift Station 3 (LS-3) was replaced on March 2, 2026. Initial leachate levels were approximately 120 inches. The pump has been running nonstop to keep up with the leachate entering the sump area in Phase 1A Cell and will shut off when the leachate level reaches 24 inches (2 feet). It appears that the pump is keeping up with the inflow of leachate from Phase 1A Cell and Phase 2 Cell. We will continue to monitor the pump status.
- 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. Benzing and SCS surveyed and staked the proposed drilling locations and ensured a rig could access each location on January 12, 2026. Rittmer cleared several locations to ensure access. UES commenced drilling operations on February 16, 2026, and completed on March 3, 2026. Multiple issues arose with the drilling rig, which delayed the project's completion. Drilling samples were delivered to Alpha Omega Geotech on March 3, 2026.
- D. Landfill Monitoring Update - The North MSWLF Unit 2025 Annual Water Quality Report was submitted to the DNR on December 30, 2026. The DNR responded with a comment letter on February 17, 2026 and SCS will coordinate with the CCASWA Director before the required response date of April 3, 2026. The South MSWLF Unit 2025 Annual Water Quality Report was submitted to the DNR on February 27, 2026.

- E. Remote Monitoring Control System - Installation was completed on January 16, 2026. The transducer in LS-3 was replaced on March 3, 2026. The online dashboard is complete, and the Agency has access to RMC monitoring points.
- F. 2026 Cell Construction - With LS-3 functioning now, we will be observing leachate levels and flow in the Phase 1A/Phase 2 cells. As we watch the status of LS-3, we will touch base with the DNR to update them on observations from the continued pumping efforts as they requested. We are working on the plans and specifications for Phase 3. We have had a slow start as we are needing the information from the operation of LS-3 and soils evaluation. Soil samples were collected and have been analyzed for select parameters. As has been known, the Landfill does not have the best soils for construction. We are working to resolve if the equivalent liner is constructable based on soils present or if it will need to remain as an alternative liner. We will have this resolved next week and will discuss with the CCASWA Director. As mentioned last month, the scope for the construction oversight and administration portion of Phase 3 are not included in the current contract. A contract amendment will be provided once the schedule and contractor are known. We are working to maintain the schedule for the bidding process to begin in April and conclude by the end of May. Construction is currently planned to commence in July. We plan to send a notice to bidders out in March to our construction contact list to alert contractors of this upcoming bid.

BJ Bauman: Haven't seen the construction contract list alert. Courtney: Will have Christine Collier contact Bauman.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Rittmer, Inc. – BJ Bauman – Dealing with litter. Staff time of 42 hours picking litter the last week. We pick litter, but don't control when landfill when landfill closes for wind. This is the toughest time of year. We have five permanent fences. I asked two people who worked here about how many fences we needed. They said ten. I don't know the cost of those. Most of the litter is light weight stuff that comes from compactor trucks. Let's budget for those.

We also talked about intermittent fences, weather hasn't allowed us to do that. Got to have good containment the higher up we go. I ask if you can find old invoices to see where we got them and how much.

Seward: I thought Rittmer provided those existing fences. Bauman: Two were made in our shop. I think the were around \$3 thousand each. Together we could get 2-3 set up next month.

Staffing Change: Oliver Totten will oversee landfill operations here.

Nuisance Animals: We have a bit of a raccoon problem. Working to address that.

Phase Planning: Important to talk about this to not cut off access with building of new cell.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Recycling Skid Loader Replacement Update **PROPOSALS #1-#7, ATTACHMENT #2**
Before you are seven bids for machines from various vendors.

The Kubota has smaller engine than the current unit, has a lower height reach, and short warranty.

Goose Lake: Not apples to apples.

The new proposed Bobcat unit has a lower height reach and short warranty. Plus, one of the reasons we are searching for a new unit are the problems we've had with the Bobcat skid steer we have.

JCB, cost-wise, would be the next logical unit. Spoke with some folks about JCB and units are good and improving. They are newer.

\$79K with the JCB vs. \$95K with the Case, which is next lowest bid.

Low Moor asked about age of the current skid steer. Seward: It's five years old and 1780 hours approximately. The previous machine had all kinds of issues after 2-year warranty was up.

Delmar: Kubota is well built machine. We don't need a super heavy-duty machine. We're loading recycling, not digging in dirt.

Goose Lake: I'm looking at the 60-month warranty on the JCB and saying let's try one out.

Bauman: Resale value would be higher with the top end. Look at service.

Goose Lake asked about Roeder and service.

Seward said Roeder has been decent with service before the warranty ended on the existing skid steer.

Seward said some of this was a Bobcat issue and they don't make that machine model any longer.

Low Moor made a motion to approve the purchase of the JCB Machine from Roeder Equipment of Maquoketa for \$79,250.90 after trade. Goose Lake seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Winter - Yes
Calamus – Sprague - Yes
Grand Mound - Lange - Yes

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

Camanche – Varner - Yes
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

B. Potential CD Renewal – Matures March 23, 2026

ATTACHMENT # 3

I would suggest a 12-month CD rate from Citizen's First Bank that is being proposed for the maturing CD. More CDs are coming due next month and we will need talk length about some of the CDs.

Low Moor made a motion to approve the 12-month CD proposed at Citizen's First Bank. Grand Mound seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

Camanche – Varner - Yes
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Motion passes 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until April 9th, 2026, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:00 PM.