

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY**  
**APRIL 9, 2026**

8 PRESENT

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

Clinton – Winter	Clinton County - Irwin	DeWitt – Chrones
Camanche – Varner	Andover – White	Delmar – Goodall
Goose Lake - Mattis	Low Moor - Goldensoph	

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

Andover made a motion to approve March 12, 2026, minutes. Delmar seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE**

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

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

- A. PDO Personnel Update – A new person has been hired for Public Drop Off. Derrick Krouse has been hired for \$22 per hour.
- B. Legislative Update – See handout.
- C. Clinton County Area Enviro Kids Date – this group will tour agency facilities on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It is the 24<sup>th</sup> year of Enviro Kids.
- D. Health Insurance Premium Rate Change – True North, our insurance provider with Wellmark, has notified the agency that health insurance rates are increasing for the group by 14.15%, which is in the middle of the 12 to 20% range most small groups are seeing. Dental coverage is increasing by 8.2% and vision is relatively flat.
- E. Committee Meeting - Proposed Staff Wages FY 2027 - We will need a committee to meet to prepare recommended wages for FY 2027 for the May meeting. Clinton County, DeWitt, Camanche, and Andover have volunteered for the committee. Will arrange a date via e-mail.

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

- A. Site-Wide Leachate Assessment - The pump has been running almost nonstop in March and early April 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. 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. 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. UES commenced drilling operations on February 16, 2026, and completed it on March 3, 2026. Drilling samples were delivered to Alpha Omega Geotech on March 3, 2026. Additional samples were collected that will be analyzed to complete the assessment, which were not in the original scope of work. The assessment is anticipated to be completed before the May board meeting.

- C. 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. SCS coordinated with the CCASWA Director, and a response was submitted to the DNR on April 3, 2026. The South MSWLF Unit 2025 Annual Water Quality Report was submitted to the DNR on February 27, 2026.
- D. 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. The flow meter that is located in the lagoon discharge pipe is not functioning, and a plan to replace it is being made, which will require a confined space entry. The transducer in LPZ-E1 appears to be malfunctioning, and a plan to troubleshoot it is being made.
- E. 2026 Cell Construction - We are working through two complex items with the cell construction in the permitting and plans and specifications stage to attempt to minimize some challenges during the construction phase. These are namely related to the landfill liner cross-section with the available soils on site and the leachate collection system. Efforts are summarized below.

We continue to monitor leachate levels and flow in the Phase 1A/Phase 2 cells through LS-3.

Liner construction soils - A soil sample of what was considered to be the “best” material from the borrow area was tested for permeability and achieved an average result of  $4.1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec. While technically achieving the required permeability for use in an equivalent liner ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/s), it is the opinion of SCS that this is likely not a suitable liner material as is due to its high silt content and minimal visual differentiation to other, less suitable soils onsite. SCS is evaluating the option of amending the on-site soils with bentonite to lower the permeability to allow for a larger range of soils to be used to meet the specification required for either an equivalent or prescriptive liner. Achieving the permeability for a prescriptive liner would eliminate the need to have a geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) overlying the 2’ soil liner. An evaluation will need to be completed to determine viability and what would be the most economical and beneficial option for the Agency.

SCS and Seward met with the DNR on Thursday, April 3rd to discuss Phase 3 challenges. A summary of key talking points are as follows: The DNR is open to the use of a bentonite soil amendment to achieve the permeability requirements for either an equivalent or prescriptive liner system. A test pad could be utilized during construction rather than taking Shelby tube samples from each lift of Phase 3 during construction. While it appears that the pump in LS-3 is functioning and working to lower leachate levels in the existing cells, the DNR would like to see additional support to show that leachate is adequately making its way through the Phase 2 and Phase 1A leachate collection systems. Several options are available to provide verification that the existing leachate collection system is functioning sufficiently. Leachate levels appear to be dropping. SCS will evaluate these options and make a recommendation to the Agency.

DeWitt: Will your reports show we may not possibly need the additional leachate header to the west?  
Marczewski: Hoping to show that data to DNR. Leachate is progressing down and flowing through Phase 1 and 2 pipe system. Submitting plan to DNR by end of month and plans going on street in May.

We are working to obtain sufficient information ahead of the bidding process to reduce the challenges that arise during construction. We will be discussing an updated schedule with the CCASWA Director as additional information is available.

- F. Current and Upcoming Action Items - An Appendix II sampling event is being scheduled for monitoring well MW-29, along with the development of the newly installed monitoring wells.

**LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT** – Rittmer, Inc. – No report. Litter continues to be addressed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANY AGENCY MEMBERS OR THEIR CONSTITUENTS:** Delmar asked about progress at Jackson County Transfer Station. Seward will provide an update next month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A.** Potential CD Renewals– Maturing in April 2026

**ATTACHMENT # 2**

Before You are CD renewals. The recommendation for the large CD is to at least seriously consider a 9-month term on the largest CD, with the funds potentially needed to help cover the new landfill cell this year. The rest of the CDs could be done for a year.

Andover: Wouldn't we want to lock in that rate for a year? Seward: Will need to pay for new landfill cell (bulk costs) late in year.

Andover made a motion to approve a nine-month CD from Citizens First Bank for the CD with the existing balance of \$2,285,703.44 (4% APY). This CD is maturing on April 11. Camanche seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

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  
Camanche – Varner - Yes  
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Clinton County – Yes  
Andover – White  
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

DeWitt – Chrones -Yes  
Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

Andover made a motion to approve 12-month terms for the two other CDs. Clinton seconded the motion. DeWitt brought up the other CDS that need to be addressed. Andover withdraw motion and Clinton withdrew second.

Andover made a motion to approve 12-month terms from Citizens First Bank for the remaining CDs maturing in April (4% APY). Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County – Yes  
Andover – White  
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

DeWitt – Chrones -Yes  
Delmar – Goodall - Yes  
Clinton – Winter - Yes

Camanche – Varner - Yes  
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Potential Rate Increases for Fiscal Year 2027

**RESOLUTION # 1**

Before you is a package of proposed rate increases that, if approved, would take place July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

DeWitt thanked the committee members for their help on this.

Andover made a motion to approve the rate changes outlined in Resolution #1. Goose Lake seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones -Yes  
Delmar – Goodall - Yes  
Clinton – Winter - Yes

Camanche – Varner – Yes  
Goose Lake – Mattis - Yes  
Clinton County – Yes

Andover – White  
Low Moor – Goldensoph – Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS: NONE**

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until May 14th, 2026, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 6:55 PM.