

**CLINTON COUNTY AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY  
APRIL 11, 2024**

8 PRESENT

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

Clinton - Schemers  
Camanche - Varner  
Delmar – Goodall

Clinton County – Irwin  
Andover – White  
Low Moor - Pray

DeWitt – Chrones  
Calamus – Sprague

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

Clinton County made a motion to approve March 11, 2024 minutes. Clinton seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** NONE

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

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

- A. Legislative Update – Handing out the brief legislative update. Review on own time.
- B. Clinton County Area EnviroKids Update – the Clinton County Area EnviroKids will once again tour CCASWA facilities on the morning of June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year for EnviroKids.
- C. Clinton City Watch Radio Show – Board member Schemers and I touched on spring/summer cleaning, covered and secured loads, and a little bit more.
- D. Appliance Demanufacturing Permit Renewal -This has been submitted to DNR.
- E. West Landfill Fenceline Update – The Chairman (Paul Varner), Doug Goodall from Delmar, and I met with Ron Seys out at the West Landfill Site. We do have some trees to that will need to be worked on and fence work. We do have some funding available for work at the Welton facility.

Will need to talk to Rittmer about this.

Delmar: \$10K should cover it. He's asking for five barb fencing.

Delmar has offered to spray the multi-flower rose bushes.

**ENGINEER SITE REPORT – Jeff Phillips of SCS Engineering:**

Leachate Lagoon is going. Did some transducer and control panel work on cell pumps.

Financial assurance will be discussed later. Greenhouse gas report was submitted.

Proposals coming for North Interceptor Trench and South Interceptor Trench tonight.

I walked that area today. Clay plug on leachate seep in north unit is starting to erode. I also walked further in the northeast corner. Starting to see some erosion there that will have to be addressed.

It's great we found it. We're sort of playing "Whack a Mole" with the leachate system. Manhole issue behind the recycling center. Need investigate that, too.

DeWitt: Can post-closure funds be used for the project. If it's in the East and it's closed...?

Phillips: would need to reimburse the funds if you borrowed from it.

DeWitt: How much of a cushion do we have, where do I find that information?

Phillips: Every year we issue a closure and post closure estimate.

Seward: \$275K of that amount is for post-closure of the North unit.

DeWitt: Asking about the east site?

Seward: The entire Clinton site is the east site. DeWitt: With the interest, how much of a cushion do we have?

Clinton County: There is a difference in how I'm reading it, of \$2.5 million.

DeWitt: I'm looking to use that money to fix the whole thing. Without having to pay it back, because we have so much extra there.

Phillips: It's one pot and one bucket for the whole site. What you need is almost six million.

Clinton County: So, we're still short almost a million? Yes. Clinton County: How do we make that difference up?

Phillips: Some of it is cash and some of its local government guarantee. If the landfill were to close tomorrow, which it likely won't, the DNR expects this balance to be funded.

Seward: The local government guarantee was put into place before I arrived.

Phillips: We need to put a pause on this and come up with a wholistic view of the site and see what needs to be done, versus reactively responding.

Phillips: This is not mismanagement; things have just gotten old and started breaking. We need to come up with a comprehensive plan. So, we aren't chasing things.

DeWitt: Throughout the state of Iowa, how many landfills are a million dollars behind on post-closure and closure funds? Phillips: A BUNCH. DeWitt: This is not an uncommon practice? Phillips: No. How much money are you going to put away to spend it in 30 years? Most places look to a minimum.

#### **LANDFILL OPERATIONS REPORT – Jeff Rittmer of Rittmer, Inc:**

Rittmer: Operations are going pretty well. Picking up litter. Seward: Litter situation has improved greatly.

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

Clinton: Brad did answer my questions. It was brought up about the hard-wired thermostats. Recycling center plant thermostats are only battery powered. Seward: Found that interesting, too. Clinton: should see if we can get the thermostats hard-wired.

Clinton: What about pump rebuilding for leachate lagoon? Seward has communication out to Electric Pump about this.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. SCS Permitted Expansion Update –SCS presented last month. I was curious to know if the board has had any thoughts it would like to talk about. No decision is required tonight.

Clinton: would add 90-plus years of space to facility, if all three expansions were approved.

Clinton: met and talked about budget. We do have CDs coming due next year that could help with this.

DeWitt: we should agree about a budget for that before we approve the expansion proposals.

- B.** Health Insurance Update: I am passing out information provided by staff. Standard Part B Medicare for those eligible employees is about \$175 a month. Drug coverage is about \$35 per month. Unknown about Medicare Advantage or Medigap Plans at this time. Staff also talked with Supplemental Insurance services of Maquoketa. We're going to have to get AFLAC in here. Will need health care committee in to meet again soon.

DeWitt: Is it the expectation that we the board would be paying for AFLAC?

Andover: We talked about a benefit to doing it. We went over bunch of stuff.

Seward: The discussion was that we fund about \$25-\$30 per month above health insurance for dental currently through the county plan. We talked about a combo plan of up to \$75 to see what's important to each employee.

DeWitt: I would feel that would be better than directly contracting with AFLAC.

Clinton: It would give both sides a break. DeWitt: I appreciate what's being done.

**C.** Proposed Purchase Policy

**PROPOSAL # 1**

The changes proposed have been made, however, legal is not through reviewing the document language since the changes were made.

Clinton: changes have been made. At this point the document is in the attorney's hands. I want to postpone a vote until next meeting.

DeWitt: No action tonight.

- D.** Landfill Operations Contract Discussion – I spoke with Jeff Rittmer. He indicated he does not believe that Rittmer, Inc. can perform operations at the same cost for the next year.

Rittmer: We want to do a three-year extension. We need to update equipment. I can't justify renting equipment. We penciled it out at a three-year extension.

Camanche: Can we do that in closed session? Seward: not tonight, and I'm not sure that falls into the reasons for closed session.

Clinton County: My question is it how long would it take to prepare a bid? DeWitt: Probably around six months. Contract is up in July.

DeWitt: is Rittmer able to extend for six months? Rittmer: I firmly believe it going to be higher if we go out for bids.

Clinton County: What is protocol on this? Seward: We have done an extension in the past.

DeWitt: Do we have the ability to extend without an RFP?

Clinton County: I'm fine with doing it, but we I want to be covered.

DeWitt: Would Rittmer do a six-month extension? Rittmer: I can't.

BJ Bauman of Rittmer: We sat down and crunch the numbers. Since 2018 our rate remained the same. Then there is asset of a compactor. It's very expensive. I'd like to go to 60 months instead of 36 months. Equipment is expensive.

Bauman: Fuel, labor, equipment, and litter control has increased by 20%. We're not just looking at this like a dirt work job. It's like what we do outside the fence.

Clinton County: Do we have the ability to do an extension? Minimum it sounds like a 36-month extension.

Rittmer: Base price has not changed over the past two contracts. Wear and tear on equipment has taken a toll. We put a thought and time into a 36-month extension.

Seward: The executive board could look at this proposal and come up with a recommendation. The E-Board can't approve it, but could come up with a recommendation.

Bauman: What's the cost to bid? Phillips: Unsure at this time, but there is a cost associated with doing so.

Clinton County: Can we extend? Camanche: we did once already, president has been set.

DeWitt: You're looking at a 3-year extension.

Seward: Looking for a recommendation, not approval.

Phillips: With no dog in the fight. If there is a three-year extension. There are no new terms. It would go back to the old agreement.

Clinton: The dollar sign would change.

Clinton County: Do we need action tonight? No.

DeWitt: It's a pickle.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. North Leachate Interceptor Trench SCS Proposal**

**PROPOSAL # 2**

Before you is a proposal for SCS work on the North Leachate Interceptor Trench.

Clinton County: This is a SCS portion only? Yes.

Bauman: Is this behind the mulch pile? Yes.

Phillips: Cost estimate is about \$100K, with all involved.

Delmar moved to approve the North Interceptor Trench proposal from SCS (Total cost estimate of \$36,180). Andover seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton – Schemers - Yes  
Camanche – Varner -Yes  
Delmar – Goodall - Yes

Clinton County -Irwin – Yes  
Andover – White – Yes  
Low Moor – Pray - Yes

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes  
Calamus – Sprague - Yes

Motion passes 8-0.

**B. South Leachate Interceptor Trench SCS Proposal** **PROPOSAL # 3**  
Phillips: Design, Bid, and Construction Quality Assurance.

Clinton County made a motion to approve the South Interceptor Trench proposal from SCS (Total cost estimate of \$53,620). Camanche seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Clinton County -Irwin – Yes	DeWitt – Chrones – Yes	Camanche – Varner -Yes
Andover – White – Yes	Calamus – Sprague - Yes	Delmar – Goodall - Yes
Low Moor – Pray - Yes	Clinton – Schemers - Yes	

Motion passes 8-0.

**C. Electronic Funds Transfer Policy** **PROPOSAL # 4**  
A proposed EFT Policy has been prepared for potential approval.

Clinton: Got noted for this at the city. We didn't have one at the city. Same auditor took care of the city and the landfill. Based on a policy in Nevada.

Andover made a motion to approve the proposed policy. Delmar seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

DeWitt – Chrones – Yes	Camanche – Varner -Yes	Andover – White – Yes
Calamus – Sprague - Yes	Delmar – Goodall - Yes	Low Moor – Pray – Yes
Clinton – Schemers - Yes	Clinton County -Irwin – Yes	

Motion passes 8-0.

**D. Congratulations & Condolences Policy** **PROPOSAL # 5**  
A proposal has been shared with us for a proposed congratulations and condolences policy. This is mirrored after the city of Clinton's policy.

Clinton: amended this today. Item D – this addresses employee longevity awards.

DeWitt: No problem with this.

Camanche: I looked at the \$85 proposed amount. It isn't much for a floral arrangement. How about \$100?

Andover: Up to 100? Yes.

Andover made a motion to approve the amended proposed policy (amended to include employee longevity and \$100 instead of \$85). Clinton seconded. Roll call vote was taken.

Camanche – Varner -Yes	Andover – White – Yes	Calamus – Sprague - Yes
Delmar – Goodall - Yes	Low Moor – Pray – Yes	Clinton – Schemers - Yes
Clinton County -Irwin – Yes	DeWitt – Chrones – Yes	

Motion passes 8-0.

**E. Financial Assurance Proposal for 2024** **PROPOSAL # 6**  
The proposed Financial Assurance amount is enclosed for 2024.

Essentially \$236,448 into closure/post-closure account.

DeWitt: According to article 8, number 2 of the 28E agreement, county will levy to fund required closure/post-closure level. Next year will have more money in it.

Clinton County: I will take this to the Board of Supervisors.

DeWitt cited legal code from Iowa 331.427.M.

Camanche made a motion to approve the financial assurance proposal for 2024. Andover seconded.  
Roll call vote was taken.

Andover – White – Yes  
Low Moor – Pray – Yes  
DeWitt – Chrones – Yes

Calamus – Sprague - Yes  
Clinton – Schemers - Yes  
Camanche – Varner -Yes

Delmar – Goodall - Yes  
Clinton County -Irwin – ABSTAIN

Motion passes 7-1.

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** NONE

DeWitt made a motion to adjourn; until May 9th, 2024, at the Recycling Center at 6:30 PM. Adjourned at 7:40 PM.