



Sensible Salting Committee Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

52 Wheeler Road, Sugar Grove

May 14, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pete Wallers, TAC Chairman; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County (SSC Chairman); Jim Turcan, Cornerstone Partners; Angie Smith, EEI

Conference Call: Janet Agnoletti, BACOG; Faye Sinnott; BACOG; Kyla Jacobsen, ISAWWA; Mark Phipps, City of Aurora; Jennifer Wasik, MWRD; Mike Zita, Good Samaritan Hospital.

Scott called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M.

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions: None at this time.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes: Scott (Chair) indicated a correction on Page 1 at the bottom that needed to be corrected. Pete (MWCOG) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the noted correction. Faye (BACOG) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

Scott (Chair) asked Jennifer to give a brief overview of her role at MWRD; she is a biologist and has been working on the variance that they are seeking.

Scott (Chair) went over our overall effort and did a recap of the committee's focus for the two new attendees. Having a unified effort in moving forward and the ultimate goal is to develop a certification program. We need to fundamentally change the way people perceive snow and ice control.

Scott (Chair) gave an explanation on New Hampshire's program, which is a state program and it has been implemented under state legislation. Essentially an operator that goes through the training can then apply for the certification. New Hampshire has state legislation that assists with the liability side of things.

Turk (CP) stated that the State of Illinois has approved the Senate Bill and legislation for the Snow and Ice removal. This was passed back in 2016. It would be good to get this information out to the contractors and the property managers. Scott (Chair) stated that Stephen (TCF) did send the links for the statute. Janet (BACOG) asked for clarification on the legislature. Turk (CP) explained the bill and gave the example of an incident out west of a retail store where there was a slip and fall located in aisle 12 inside the store. The customer slipped on the wet flooring and hit her head on the shelving units. The attorney went after the store, but the store claimed that they had an indemnification clause so they passed the buck to the contractor. ASCA and SIMA got involved and the State of Illinois got involved and said that we needed to be reasonable about this. Faye (BACOG) the concern was the responsibility on the contractors onto the site owner. Turk (CP) it hasn't shifted the responsibility; our unified program would allow us to have reasonableness. Scott (Chair) our goal is to minimize the amount of salt that is spread and be more responsible. It's good to know that there is legislation out there, it would be good to incorporate into our unified program.



Jennifer (MWRD) aware of report from David Strifling, NSF Water Policy Grant from Marquette – February 2017. Several pages in the report that describe the Hampshire program. She will share this with the group. It also stated that Minnesota was also trying to do something similar. (<https://law.marquette.edu/programs-degrees/water-law-water-law-and-policy-initiative>)

Scott (Chair) stated that we need to be aware of the legislation. First step is to develop the manual that covers sensible salting. If we do move towards state legislation it will have to include rural communities in different parts of the State.

Scott (Chair) shared the Lake County BMP Manual and indicated it is the same manual that Tara had supplied us. I think it's good to start with this document and they will supply a word document for us. We need to figure out how to divvy up the work.

Turk (CP) questioned if we were going to keep the manuals separate? Scott (Chair) originally he had thought "no", but he thinks now we will so that the application rates are more applicable. We have also discussed different levels of certification, so we are going to have to figure out what makes the most sense. We want to incentivize the program and get maximum participation. Scott does envision that each County would be hosting their own training, but they would be based off of one single manual. Turk (CP) commented that from the SIMA side of things they have talked about how to get smaller contractors involved. Maybe giving them a percentage off equipment if they have gone through the certification program. Scott (Chair) questioned the more wide spread the program does it make it more difficult? Turk (CP) they target LEED certified sites so that they perform site management for everything. Landscaping is something that needs to be incorporated as well. Pete (MWCOG) asked about certification levels – basic level is just knowing the basics of salt and ice removal and then progress up to a higher level that would include landscaping parameters as well. Turk (CP) went through the possible different levels that could be incorporated. Pete (MWCOG) maybe we don't need to have different levels. You have the ability to spread liquid, but you can't make it. Scott (Chair) if we were going to do a tiered program we would have to have different levels of testing. We need to continue to make it accessible to everyone and not have it be overly intimidating. Turk (CP) went through how his company obtained their Certified Snow Provider (CSP) certification and their insurance provider. Pete (MWCOG) inquired how prevalent the CSP designation is? Turk (CP) stated that the CSP is the highest tier from SIMA and it covers everything. There are only 12 CSP's in Illinois. Three years ago, the Advanced Snow Manager (ASM) certification, which is ANSI certified and it covers four certificates. Pete (MWCOG) one facet could be requiring some portion of their employees must be ASM certified. Turk (CP) stated there are hundreds of ASM's in the State of Illinois.

Pete (MWCOG) inquired of Mike Zita – are there any requirements that you have? Mike (GSH) they do it all in-house for snow removal. If there were training certifications that are available then yes we would do it. Mark (COA) asked who would be in charge of running this program. Scott (Chair) the one that is in New Hampshire is governed by a local "U of I extension type office". Wondering if MWRD would be able to do this or a university? Kyla (ISAWWA) there is a U of I extension office located in St. Charles. Scott (Chair) also not sure on funding for this program. Mark (COA) gave an example of them not being able to do a certification program and that U of I extension would be able to assist. Scott (Chair) just to clarify and that it's not a regulatory program. CMAP is also not able to provide services as well. Would also want to see how we can incorporate CEU's.

Scott (Chair) in an effort to start making progress we will start using the Lake County manual focusing on the Parking Lots and break that out into different sections and assign those to individuals for updating. There was discussion on



application rates and John (Morris) noted that there is a disclaimer in the manual regarding these. Scott (Chair) stated that we need to keep in mind is we want to have suggestions that make improvements. Individuals that could focus on the application rates section could be Mike Zita, Tony Johnson and Turk.

The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2018 at 3:30 PM at Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI