



**Sensible Salting Committee
Engineering Enterprises, Inc.**

52 Wheeler Road, Sugar Grove

February 22, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Todd Hoppenstedt, Village of Montgomery; Pete Wallers, TAC Chairman; Angie Smith, EEI

Conference Call: Walt Kelly, Illinois State Water Survey; Kyla Jacobsen, ISAWWA; John Kawka, Retired DuPage DOT/Morris Engineering; Tony Johnson, Midwest Salt; Matt Wittum, Village of Spring Grove; Janet Agnoletti, BACOG; Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County.

Absent: Tara Neff, The Conservation Foundation; Jim Turcan, Cornerstone Partners.

Todd Hoppenstedt called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions: Todd (SSC Co-Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes: Kyla (ISAWWA) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Todd (SSC Co-Chair) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

Ideas for Discussion: Todd (SSC Co-Chair) stated that the Fortin Follow-Up would be tabled until next the meeting since Tara wasn't able to join the.

Todd (SSC Co-Chair) reminded everyone the purpose of the committee and opened it up for discussion.

Janet (BACOG) asked about the public expectations of black pavement. Todd (SSC Co-Chair) reported that it has been discussed by the committee.

Todd (SSC Co-Chair) stated the he continues to look into the crops being left in for the blowing/drifted snow. Scott (SSC Co-Chair) commented on the living snow fences as well. He has been working with DOT and other agencies in McHenry County and has re-sparked interest. DOT folks went and talked to the farm agency and we will have farmers participate this year. Leaving between 8 – 16 rows of corn approximately 100 feet from the edge of the roadway. They are offering \$1.50 over bushel price to the farmers if they are willing to participate. He also stated that he spoke with Iowa DOT and they have tripled their program participation over the past few years. He believes Iowa is offering \$2.00 over the bushel price. Their cost is going down in installing fences and reducing the number of remobilization to address wind drifts. Todd (SSC Co-Chair) stated that one of the comments that he has heard from farmers regarding this program is that they are discouraged from participating because of the set-up of the farm machinery and crop rotation. With regards to the farmers that are not as excited about it maybe they could share resources. Scott (SSC Co-Chair) the farmers in Iowa will have the local 4-H clubs or Boy Scouts to come hand pick the rows that are left and they can use that as a donation.



Scott (SSC Co-Chair) continuing his research with other DOT's and their programs that they have out there in regard to well rehabilitation and replacement by the Counties. Walt (ISWS) reported that the chlorides are increasing in the suburban area and the rural areas. Janet (BACOG) are there hot spots where wells are impacted enough that this could be an issue for the NWPA area that would warrant well rehabilitation and replacement? Walt (ISWS) there are definitely some wells that have high chlorides. Above 250 they start getting that salty taste. Tony (Midwest Salt) referenced Scott's presentation that he has shown some hot spots over the past decade. It is definitely becoming a concern for some home owners. Scott (SSC Co-Chair) we're probably getting close to that in some areas, but he's not aware of anything in our area. Will continue to do some research and see if there's factors that lead up to it. Todd (SSC Co-Chair) agreed reaching out to them and if applicable they could jump on our next meeting and answer some questions or insight.

Tony (Midwest Salt) stated that the Illinois Landscape Contractors Association will be hosting *Summer Snow Days* on July 24th and 25th at Pheasant Run. It is a trade show for private contractors and public agencies. Todd (SSC) this would be good information to share at the TAC meeting to encourage people to attend this event.

Discussion was had amongst the group in regard to Municipal or County ordinances being used to support a certification program. Scott (SSC Co-Chair) stated that McHenry County could not have a preferred provider list according to their Attorney General. Are there any other counties that are unable to have a preferred provider list? Todd (SSC Co-Chair) the Village of Montgomery doesn't have a preferred provider list or a certified contractor instead create a What to Consider When Selecting a Contractor? Todd will reach out to Steve Andersson and get his thoughts on the subject and report back to the group.

Liability concerns: Todd (SSC Co-Chair) commented that we probably see that more on the private side vs. the public side. We might be able to lump the adjustment of expectations for clear pavement into this category.

Scott (SSC Co-Chair) commented that he just came from a meeting where this topic came up. They've already had a lawsuit from someone slipping and falling at McHenry County. The sweeping off the extra piles of salt has raised concerns with their Emergency Management Department. Todd (SSC Co-Chair) could use this as an educational effort in regard to when to salt and when not to salt. John (Morris) commented when he was at DuPage County; always a struggle. Part of the education is when you don't have experts in the field; take the opportunity to send an e-mail to let people know that the surfaces were treated. Even if you can't see it. Todd (SSC Co-Chair) would suggest that Scott talk to the Emergency Management Department and the difference of over salting, etc.

Matt (Spring Grove) commented on their certification program. They go out and take pictures of the over salting and use them as examples. Public perception and education is huge. Recently had a person show up at their board meeting and question their practices. Something else that has come up in their certification class is the lawsuit. Who has the rights to the one that is used in McHenry County? Scott (McHenry County) commented that the source that they used is the same source that we already have permission to use as well – Fortin Consulting.

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2018 at 2 PM at Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI