



**Sensible Salting Committee
Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
52 Wheeler Road, Sugar Grove**

September 17, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Angie Smith, EEI

Conference Call: Scott Kuykendall, McHenry County (SSC Chairman); Tony Johnson, Midwest Salt; Rosario "Rosie", Midwest Salt; Nora Beck, CMAP; Mark Phipps, City of Aurora; Stephen McCracken, The Conservation Foundation; Deanne Doohaul, The Conservation Foundation; Sherman Fields, Acres Group; Kevin Kerrigan, Lake County DOT; John Kawka, Morris Engineering; Jim Turcan, Cornerstone Partners; Faye Sinnott, BACOG.

Scott called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

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

Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Tony (MS) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mark (CofAU) seconded. All in favor minutes approved.

Introductions: Scott (Chair) gave a quick introduction of Sherman Fields from the Acres Group. Sherman is joining us to speak on behalf of SB2138.

Sherman (Acres) introduced himself and gave his background. Acres Group is the 11th largest snow and ice removal company. 80% of their work is community associations is the bulk of their business. Two years ago, Governor Rauner signed this bill into law. Transferring partial responsibility from the contractors to the property owners. If a property owner declines services (salting) then the responsibility is under the property owner rather than the property owner. SB2138 only references indemnification. If authorization is given to the contractor, then it's their liability. Scott (Chairman) is seeing this bill as an obstacle for reigning in salt use and best management practices. Sherman (Acres) believes that with proper training with contractors and educating them that salt use could be reduced. Scott (Chairman) reiterated our purpose and goals with the committee. Sherman (Acres) supports the multi-pronged approach the sub-committee is taking. Create the regional document that can be promoted, create a training and certification program based off of that document, work with municipalities to adopt requirements for certified contractors and basis for state legislation providing limited liability for contractors/property owners utilizing the regional BMP's.

Want Sherman to be a partner moving forward. Once we have a draft document prepared will send it his way for feedback/review. Further questions please reach out to him via e-mail at sherman.fields@acresgroup.com

Review of Assigned Sections for Regional Snow and Ice Control Best Management Practices Manual for Parking Lots and Sidewalks: Scott (Chair) reminded everyone of our internal due date of October 15th. Sent out a revised Table of Contents (TOC) to everyone prior to the meeting. The revised TOC has references to the resources that we want to use.



Tony (MS) asked if all of those documents have been shared previously or are they are on a share drive? Angie (EEI) a shared drive has been established and sent to Scott (Chair) for review and further approval. Tony, Rosie, and Matt Wittum's sections are on track to meet the deadline of October 15th.

Scott (Chair) commented that he has a board member that is adamant that urea is the solution. Tony (MS) commented that you're looking at \$500/TON. Rosie (MS) urea is a nitrate solution so then it's a double whammy. Stephen (TCF) price point and temperature point do not make it a viable product.

ISWS Fact Sheet: Scott (Chair) commented on the most up-to-date informational brochure – *Road Salt in the Chicago Region: Why is it a problem?* It's going to be a four-page document and the last page is going to be an overview of the manual that we are putting together. This will also be placed on the shared site.

Scott (Chair) commented that drafts should be shared prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 15, 2018 at 3:30 PM at Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

Submitted by _____ Angie Smith, EEI