



Chicago Area Waterways CHLORIDE WORKGROUP

Microsoft Teams Meeting September 21, 2022, 1:00PM Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened by John Schaefer, President, at 1:01pm

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Two new workgroup members, Village of Niles and Village of South Holland

- Approval of June 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to Approve by Edgar Cano (City of Evanston)
 - Poll launched in meeting, Motion Passed

- Chloride TLWQS Reminders
 - Reminders of deadlines were shared in the slides
 - See the slides for the specific reminders

- Annual Training Opportunity – 2022 Virtual Deicing Workshops Registration is open
 - Register once for the dates you plan to attend, no need to register all of your staff
 - \$50 per workshop, Includes Roads and Parking Lots/Sidewalks workshops
 - Flyer available to share dedicated to Parking Lots/Sidewalks and one for all the workshops

- Mentoring Sessions
 - Overview of topics covered so far
 - Next topic is calibration
 - Week of 10/24-10/28
 - Available hosts – Orland Park (force America, Henderson), Evanston (Monroe)
 - Request for other trucks and locations

- PMP Q&A
 - Opened meeting up to ask questions about the PMP
 - Q: Who do we send the PMP to?
 - On the workgroup side -> Hanna
 - On the IEPA side – We are still working that out, when we know where it needs to be sent we will be sharing that information with the workgroup



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- Annual Training Discussion
 - Group discussion about what annual training means. We want the workgroup members to decide what should be included in annual training, rather than be told what to do.
 - Guiding questions shared in the slides to help facilitate the discussion
 - Many organizations already doing things that meet annual training needs, like training on equipment, routes, etc. We want to make sure these items get counted as training.
 - Key point brought up in discussion numerous times by several participants – getting staff buy in on practices, using only what is needed
 - Important topics that should be included:
 - Equipment maintenance, calibration, how to use the equipment
 - training on materials, properties of the materials (understanding what role each type of material plays, when they are used, etc),
 - routes
 - how to spread salt based on road types,
 - application rates, decision process for choosing application rates,
 - how to treat non-uniform intersections,
 - good housekeeping practices, clean-up of work areas
 - BMPs included in TLWQS, new technologies, levels of service,
 - each storm is different, how to respond to different weather conditions, weather
 - what to do when differences are found between trucks/routes and what should be used for those routes with the application rates that the truck should be set for, evaluating actions, encourage changing habits “breaking the status quo”, what do we find beneficial for making salt reductions
 - educating the public, community expectations
 - train drivers on “why” so they understand there is a good reason they are being asked to do these things
 - train drivers to on the conditions they may see and how to react to those conditions (oatmeal slush that is hard to plow, ice pack, what is plowable vs not)
 - what the steps in the snow response are during a storm, what steps our staff take at each part of the storm
 - Other important things brought up during discussion included importance of calibrating equipment to really understand how much material is being spread rather than trusting settings on trucks and going by “what looks right”



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- Resources the group can provide
 - Staff shared that Clear Roads has over 40 hours of training resources the group can take advantage of – would like to get a training committee together to help decide what is useful and guide development of training materials from workgroup (like slides, etc)
 - Short video addressing the “why” – this was strongly supported because it can be a tool to get buy-in as the staff learns it is not just them being asked to do these things
 - What other communities are doing, a group contact list
 - Learn what works and what doesn’t from others in the group
 - Sharing weather data
 - Our own Salt Symposium to share technology knowledge, up and coming information, what other communities do
- Salt Smart Update
 - Staff shared an update on the Parking Lots and Sidewalks Training Program. See slides for details.
- Outreach Materials
 - Staff shared current outreach materials available and encouraged the workgroup members to share the materials!
 - Request for ideas for this coming winter:
 - Anti-icing information, more specifics about what is, why it is used, what materials are used (brines, liquids)

John Schaefer, President, closed the meeting at 1:56pm.