



Chicago Area Waterways CHLORIDE WORKGROUP

Microsoft Teams Meeting December 14, 2022, 1:00PM Membership Meeting Minutes

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

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Reminder meeting was being recorded at request of members who could not attend. If you want access to the recording, please reach out to Hanna Miller.
- Approval of September 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to Approve by Edgar Cano (Evanston), Second by Joel Van Essen (Orland Park)
 - Poll launched in meeting, Motion Passed
- Reminder to submit PMP to the Workgroup and IEPA
 - Reminders for specific deadlines related to the TLWQS were shared in the slides
 - See the slides for the specific reminders
- Liquids Q&A
 - The workgroup hosted a Liquids Q&A with John Schaefer (Homewood), Edgar Cano (Evanston), Sean Vanderburgh (New Lenox), and other meeting attendees answered questions from the group on using liquids.
 - Topics included: not using calcium chloride for anti-icing, using and making brine without spending a lot money/on a tight budget, discussion on liquids equipment maintenance and making sure your equipment is set up for the liquids you plan to use, long term storage of liquids – agitating tanks, checking concentrations ahead of winter for liquid stored over the summer, using blends, liquid storage considerations, application rates for anti-icing/pre-wetting on equipment/pretreating a stock pile/using brine only on roads, costs to produce brine, question about experience switching from dry materials to using liquids, cost benefit of anti-icing
- Training Committee
 - Workgroup will be organizing a joint Training Committee with LDWG Chloride Committee to provide input/feedback into training materials developed by the workgroups for use by members. These training materials will be resources for



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all members to use for annual training, but also for those members who need alternatives to large group training because of off hours shifts for staff.

- Planning for a “Why” video and slides from the workgroup that can be used for internal training
- Training committee will be small time commitment with a meeting here and there as the need arises to share feedback on resources being created
- Discussion on Annual Report Template
 - Annual Report Template was shared with the group for any questions/feedback
 - The goal is to make the annual report template something easy for workgroup members to complete
 - Staff talked through the template that was previously emailed out the group
 - Workgroup members preferred using a spreadsheet instead of tables in word
- Outreach Materials Available to Use
 - Staff shared some of the new outreach materials developed for workgroup members to use.
 - If any member has specific requests for formats or topics they would like to see, please reach out to workgroup staff with their requests. We want the materials to be something that will be used.
 - Staff shared there are some salt exhibits being developed and that the workgroup will hopefully be able to get access to them in the future or be able create their own set of salt exhibits for use by members. These would be great to be set up in member community libraries. As more information is available, staff will share any costs and more information with the group.
- Update on Salt Smart Parking Lots and Sidewalks Training and Certification Program
 - Staff shared an update on the Salt Smart Parking Lots and Sidewalks Training and Certification Program
 - Manual is in the final review process
 - Planning for a trial training in early 2023 to finalize the training
 - Expecting to launch the program in 2023 for Private Contractors and others who maintain parking lots and sidewalks.
- Upcoming 2022-2023 Meetings
 - March 15, 1pm, Microsoft Teams
 - June 21, 1pm, Microsoft Teams – Annual Membership Meeting



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- For meetings after June 2023, the meetings will be moving to in-person. Staff will reach out to find locations across the TLWQS watershed. The meeting locations will move around so organizations from the north won't always have to come south and vice-versa (south organizations going north).

John Schaefer, President, closed the meeting at 2:24pm.