



**MPWA ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

**March 28, 2018 from 11:30-1:30 pm
Plymouth City Hall
3400 Plymouth Blvd**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Lunch
2. Introduction of Members and Visitors
3. Review 2017 End of Year Report

Michael Thompson provided copies of the 2017 End of Year Report for the ES Committed describing the committee's activities for members to review.

4. APWA MN 2018 Chapter Initiatives – Kristin Asher, Chapter President

Kristin Asher attended the meeting on behalf of the Executive Committee. She summarized the 2018 Chapter Initiatives and their relationship to APWA National initiatives. The 2018 Minnesota initiatives focus on the following:

- a. Showing the value of Public Works
 - b. Education and training
 - c. Growth in Chapter membership
 - d. Advocacy—including lobbying at the Capital and initiatives to implement MN 2050
5. Environmental Service Adopt a Highway Event (Matt H/Mike R)
 - a. Matt H. and Mike R. will be co-leaders of this event again in 2018, and they will coordinate the event with MnDOT
 - b. The Committee selected **Wednesday, May 2** and **Wednesday, October 3** from 1:00 to 3:30 as the dates and times for the event in 2018.
 - c. Matt H. will get an article about the event, the dates, and why it is important to Kristin Asher
 6. Legislative Support Discussion (Sherri B.)

Sherri summarized the handouts provided to the committee members regarding the Smart Salting Initiative. Members discussed the issue and noted the challenges to balance

environmental quality vs. safety. Members reached a consensus to support the initiative and requested that Kristin pass this message to the Governmental Affairs Committee.

6. MPCA/EQB Climate Adaptation/Resilience Input Session

Laura Millberg of the MPCA and Guiseppe Tanelo of the MPCA presented the work their agencies are doing related to Climate Adaptation and Resilience to the Committee. They are seeking input from a variety of organizations, including Public Works organizations, on how they are planning for and addressing climate adaptation, particularly related to 1) intense precipitation events and 2) urban heat islands and other built environment design issues. They provided copies of a recent interagency report called Adapting to Climate Change in Minnesota and a stakeholder input table for discussion.

Laura and Guiseppe walked through the table and gathered input from the Committee members on a variety of issues. Members discussed the impacts of climate change on their communities, the modeling and mapping they have completed, changes in standards, and capital projects that cities have completed or planned related to climate adaptation, particularly for intense precipitation events. Members discussed the roles state agencies can play in assisting local governments to address climate change.

Members present:

Sherri Buss, Vice Chair

Ron Leaf

Pete Willenbring

Reid Wronski

Dan Ruiz

Mark Rehder

Michael Ryan

Eric Nelson

Kristin Asher, on behalf of the APWA Executive Committee

Tim Olson

Ben Scharenbroich (City of Plymouth)

Tyler McLeete

Matt Huggins