

MWOA Metro/Suburban Section Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2002
MAC Mpls/St Paul International Airport, Lindbergh Terminal
St Paul, MN

Morning Technical Sessions

The October 2002 meeting was held at the Metropolitan Airports Commission Minneapolis/St Paul International Airport. Steve Wareham, Assistant Airport Director welcomed the group of 45 to the meeting and gave an overview of the days agenda. Steve then introduced the first technical presenters of the meeting, Tony Howel & Tina Watna of the Metro Airport Commission. Tony & Tina provided the group with an overview of the Airport Deicing Collection and Treatment Systems. The BOD load of the deicing operations is the single most significant point source BOD loading on the Minnesota River. Consequently MAC has spent significant dollars in capital improvements to collect and treat the glycol, greatly reducing the negative impact on the receiving waters. Tony & Tina's discussion of this subject was very informative and lead to a lot of interactive discussion with the group.

The second presenter of the morning technical program was Jim Karels of the Metro Airport Commission. Jim presented on the MAC Confined Space Entry Program. Topics covered were Definitions of Terms, Minnesota OSHA's Confined Space Classification, Entrant Responsibilities, Attendant responsibilities, Hot Work; Lighting; Ladders, Rescues Procedures and a MAC example of a Confined Space Entry Permit.

The third speaker of the morning was Todd Oetjens of the Metro Airport Commission Development Department. Todd presented on the MAC 2010 Plan. This was a very informative presentation on the forward development of the International Airport and the airport infrastructure to the year 2010.

Business Meeting

- Chairman Randy Poore called the business meeting of the Metro/Suburban Section to order.
- Secretary Joel Schmidt skipped the reading of the April 2002 meeting minutes deferring the group to review the minutes as published in the MWOA Wastewatcher and as posted on the MWOA Web Site, MWOA.net. A motion was made by Hank Leucken to approve the minutes. Ken Kuchera seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- Chairman Randy Poore introduced MWOA President Jerry Balbach to the group. President Balbach has been traveling to all the sections during his term to meet with the groups and discuss MWOA concerns at both the state and section levels.

- Chairman Randy Poore called on Jim Miller to provide the group with an update on the September 2002 MWOA Board Meeting.
- A Motion was made by Bob Cockriel to adjourn. Charlie Swanson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Afternoon Technical Sessions

The afternoon session consisted of touring the Airport Facilities, which included the Energy Management Center, Siemens/Honeywell HVAC Systems and the Wonderware Operating System for the airport plumbing and collection systems. The MAC tour guides split the group up into 4 separate groups, which created a manageable group size allowing maximum benefit to getting a first hand look into the bowels of one of the largest airports in the world. 9/11 changed things forever, there is no going back. With this in mind we were very fortunate to have been able to conduct our meeting at MAC and be able to get into these secure areas.

The group extends a sincere THANK YOU to the MAC folks for hosting and making this meeting a big success. Thanks again!

Respectfully Submitted

Joel W. Schmidt – MWOA Metro/Suburban Section Secretary