

Pennsylvania Precast Association Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2009
Conference Room – By-Crete Plant – Lebanon, PA

Call to Order 9:03 a.m.

PPA President, Jay Behney called the meeting to order and announced that our Executive Director was called to Washington, D.C. and would not be in attendance.

Anti Trust Agreement and Self Introductions

Jay circulated the anti trust agreement for all attendees to sign. All attending members gave a self introduction and a sign in sheet was passed around. Jay recognized new members and welcomed them to the group. They are: Kelken Construction Systems and Kenseal Construction Products.

Financial Condition

Jay outlined current account situation. Estimated reserves as of the end of February, 2009, estimated to be \$93,636.

Listing of Committee Members

Jay presented a list of the standing committees and their respective members. It was noted that the chair of the membership committee was no longer in the industry and the position is vacant. Jay also announced that Jeff Long was no longer with By-Crete. Also it was noted that Steve Wolfe had retired from East Jordan Ironworks.

The newly formed Manhole Committee presently has 2 members serving; Floyd Wine and Steve Storti. Jay encouraged any interested members to sign up as soon as possible.

Septic Tank Committee:

John Wagman provided the group with an update on on-going DEP activities. He noted that the Department had a long list of items, but they continue to delay action due to budget constraints. DEP is currently pushing for a 100 % field test. He also advised that

we could expect some changes in the coming months and there is a DEP meeting scheduled. John also offered to chair this committee.

Quality Assurance Issues

- Monitoring the activities of the PACA & PCPC tech committee.
- Future revisions to RC45
- Box Culvert standards
- Manhole standards – New committee
- Inlet Standards group dissolved

PA DOT Representative Discussion (Bob Horwhat)

PENNDOT expects approximately \$1B of additional funding as the result of the recently passed stimulus package. This will be in addition to the \$1.8 B budget appropriated by the state. Of the \$1B set for PA, 80% is slatted for resurfacing projects. The remaining 20% is likely set for bridge rehabilitation. Each district office has a list of projects and will post them on their websites soon.

The group then had a brief Q & A session with Bob covering several topics, including:

Adjustment Rings and allowable mortar. LRFD criteria application to Man Holes. Corner penetrations and required concrete cover, consultants need to have current design criteria. New mix design sent to PPA, SCC will be modified and distributed soon. New updated batch form is out. Please notify Bob of any errors or problems. A new training package for the new inlet standards is being developed for use by consultants and inspectors. PENNDOT should have this done in the next month and will make the package available to the PPA. New Man Hole standards will probably not affect steel design for 48” but the 60” and 72” will need to be developed. Bob noted that this may be a long process as it took 2.5 years to do the inlet standards. Lifting devices are not required to be Bulletin 15 listed, but do need to be listed in approval packages. Hot dipped galvanized lift devices will be required in all precast products, eventually.

Clarification of the issue was requested to address whether galvanizing is required for pulling devices and other items not used, necessarily for lifting.

Associate Spotlight

Weldon Mitchell of Trelleborg NPC gave a presentation.

Executive Director Report

Jay noted that nominations for officers of the PPA are due in September for the membership election in November.

Jay also posted the 2009 budget for members review. He noted a planned expense of \$56,900 with an expected income of \$56,400.

Jay announced that a plant tour would be available immediately following adjournment, for anyone interested.

Wrap Up

PPA Future Dates:

May 6th will be at the new PENNDOT Lab

September 2nd at the Hotel Carlisle

November 4th at the Hotel Carlisle

January 6, 2010 at the Hotel Carlisle

Adjournment: 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Weldon Mitchell, PPA Secretary