

Pennsylvania Precast Association - Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2009

Held in the conference room at the PENNDOT Lab facility

Call to Order -- 9:04 a.m.

Anti Trust Agreement and Self Introductions

Hank circulated the anti-trust policy for all attendees to sign. All attending members gave a self introduction.

PA DOT Representative Discussion

Serge and Bob discussed the following issues with the attending membership:

Serge announces that a new Inlet Standards Addendum/Clarification letter is pending. It will be released to industry soon. Topics:

- The Department will clarify the annular space dimension with a new joint detail for top transition slabs with shiplap joints. Ref: page 7, RC 46.
- Will permit bar splicing (extension) in the base-slab. Ref: page 26. RC 46.
- Detail for multiple pipe openings, shows supplemental reinforcement.
- Clarification of inlet box wall thickness.
- Grade Adjustment rings. Clarify the maximum number of sections (in the horizontal plane) and minimum thickness of 3". Members asked for additional time to discuss this provision before the Dept. settles on a standard.
- Will address concrete cover requirements for corner penetrations.

The above topics will be presented to the PPA for distribution when completed.

Bob Horwhat then gave a brief presentation on the design and construction of the new lab building. The group then split-up into 2 parts and received a tour of the facility.

Financial Condition

Hank outlined current account situation. Estimated reserves as of the end of April, 2009, estimated to be \$91,595.

Action Items

Nominations for PPA Officers are due at the next meeting in September.

Quality Assurance & Specification Issues

Hank informed the group that he is continuing to monitor the PACA and PCPC Tech Committee proceedings.

New Issue for Box Culverts: OSHA requires tie-offs for anything over 6' (in the field). OSHA has raised the issue on a recent jobsite. Current PENNDOT design does not include any provisions for tie-offs.

Manhole Standards: It was noted that PENNDOT (Mark Burkhead) has included funding in his proposed budget.

Membership and Marketing

Members are encouraged to visit the website and keep notify Hank if there are any corrections.

Associate Spotlight

Mr. Dick Gonzalez, Vice President, Kelken Construction Systems talked about epoxy sealing of cracks.

Wrap Up

Hank passed out invitations for those who might be interested, to attend a fundraiser for the TCI-PAC to be held May 21st in Philadelphia.

Next membership meeting: September 2, 2009 at the Hotel Carlisle

Adjournment: 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by: Weldon Mitchell, PPA Secretary