

Minutes

Pennsylvania Precast Association Meeting

September 2, 2009
Hotel Carlisle

Call to Order 9:00 am

Antitrust Agreement and Self Introductions

Hank presented and circulated the antitrust agreement for all attendees to sign. All attending members gave a self introduction.

PENN DOT Representative Discussion (Paul Ingram & Serge Ter-Arakelov)

Paul and Serge discussed the following issues with the attending membership

- A Survey was sent to industry on June 11.
- Box and Top types
- Bulletin 15 updates
- You may get your company listed for new or updated products then have your formwork and set-up reviewed. Producer must notify PennDOT

RC45 & RC46 Standards Revision

- Gannett Fleming has updated standards ready for circulation
- Expect 1 month external review
- If no major comments received will release to industry in draft form.

The group discussed the fact that there are 3 different reinforcement designs for inlets of 10' or less while the bid tabs list them all as the same item. Serge committed to investigate and look to provide clarification.

Paul presented a slide showing 2 different positions of the C Top bearing plate. Either position is ok with the Department.

A change in PennDOT personnel was noted: Randy Lazouras has replaced Brandon Motuk.

The group discussed the issue of positioning extra reinforcement layers when required. Serge indicated that he was willing to allow adjustment. Please call him if you have any questions.

Time limits on temporary barrier standards were brought up by the group. Both Paul and Serge indicated that they thought the specs were still valid even though the 2007 date has passed. Serge indicated that he would look into the matter and clarify.

Financial Condition

Hank outlined current account situation. Estimated reserves as of the end of August 2009, estimated to be \$86,794.

Listing of Committee Members

Hank presented a list of the PPA's standing committees and their respective members.

Inlet Committee

It was noted that due to the ongoing external review process of the RC 45 & 46, the committee is still active.

The Manhole Committee

Awaiting on PENNDOT to budget this item on their side. The issues are:
LFRD requirements.

The lack of any standard design above 48" I.D. The group discussed this long standing issue with Paul and Serge and they promised to review this matter with the Bureau of Design.

Quality Assurance & Specification Issues

Hank is still monitoring the PAC/PCPC technical committee.

Will continue with any future revisions of RC 45 & 46.

Box Culverts: The group discussed with PennDOT reps that OSHA fall protection issues remain regarding providing means for tie-offs on boxes during installation. PPA members volunteered to email Serge any fall protection information they have and he stated that he would investigate and report back to the members.

Membership and Marketing

Hank presented information on the PPA website, noting that general activity seemed to coincide with the mailings of the Precast Solutions Magazine.

Our main marketing tool continues to be the NPCA Precast Solutions magazine which is currently being supplied by PPA to individuals listed in our database.

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

Associate Spotlight

Lynn Hocker, President of Whispering Creek, gave a presentation on his company.

Their website is: <http://www.Whisperingcreekretreat.com>

Executive Director Report

Hank encouraged the members to keep their membership listing on the PPA website up to date.

He reminded the members that nominations for the next slate of officers are due by October 1st.

Hank talked about his efforts to federal officials to encourage them to back a 6 year transportation authorization, but conceded that it doesn't appear likely at this time. He went on to describe a much lower forecast for PennDOT work after the federal stimulus funds are spent unless additional state funds become available.

Hank proposed that the membership support the TCI-PAC by contributing toward administrative costs same as last year (\$5,000). Bruce Hottle so moved. It was seconded by Jay Behney and passed unanimously.

Future Meeting Dates

2009: November 4 to be at the Hotel Carlisle.

2010: January 6 to be at the Hotel Carlisle.

For meetings to be held March through January, Hank suggested that we book continue them with the Hotel Carlisle. The recommendation was approved by the members.

2010: March 3

2010: May 5

2010: September 1

2010: November 3

2011 January 5

Adjournment 11:05 am

Submitted by: Weldon Mitchell, PPA Secretary