

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

May 4th 2016

Welcome

Self-Introductions and Anti-Trust Reminder

Minutes were approved from March 9, 2016 meeting

PENNDOT Topics by Joseph A. Bracken III, P.E., CWI

- Manhole standards- being reviewed by FHWA, should be completed in September. Manholes will be similar to inlets, approximately 6 months from final approval the new standard will be included in bid requirements.
- Aesthetic Concrete Coatings Clearance Transmittal – final spec by end of 2016. Paint – Cyrex and Canyon Tone – no Vexcon
- ASR pro team issued SSP on April 18. Remediation is status quo. PennDOT reviewing all designs for compliance. Pub 408 Sec 704 – mix designs using potentially reactive aggregates. PennDOT will host webinar and attend September PPA meeting to answer any questions about implementation.
- Review of the Buy American legislation and its effects on the precast industry. There was continued discussion regarding Tie Wire and its importance to PPA members. Joe Bracken was asked if there was a way that PennDOT could make this an action item so that it does not come up as an issue on every project that includes precast concrete products.
- Tie wire, etc. considered unidentifiable. Certificate of compliance CS-4171- must have mill certs, etc.. Tie wire use in precast – PPA producers need a clear path and course of action which needs to be provided by PennDOT. Joe asked fabricators to cc him on all foreign steel submissions. Fabricator should notify GC (and cc Joe) which will be sent to District and PennDOT. Serge requested fabricators submit preferred process for this to PennDOT.
- Stock items being shipped to projects other than PennDOT projects may require approval from PennDOT prior to shipping. Additional storage fees not applicable. Storage of more than 45 days you can bill for product. Stock items – 50% of production can be in stock.
- There was a box culvert meeting held at PennDOT lab after the March PPA meeting. There was some discussion regarding shop drawing approval process as well as bidding schedule. Joe said there is a possibility of a third meeting this summer. He posted a draft of box culvert letting schedule for 2017 – attached to these minutes. The keyed joint is going to be used by P3 box culvert projects as a result of PPA member feedback.
- There is still some projects that are receiving no bidders for p/c box culverts. Some jobs are being converted to Cast-In-Place concrete. There is a need for more fabricators going forward as P3 and PennDOT have aggressive schedule for next several years.
- P3 projects not getting drawings on time. Approvals are taking too long. Capacity has not come in to play due to delays in approval.
- Question as to whether fish baffles could be cast outside (when conditions meet requirements) to free up production space inside. Is that an option without having to submit each time? Pre-Approval is required for outdoor casting. TRC meeting every Monday will review the issue.
- Joe introduced a new engineer in his department who was in attendance: Alissa Myers. There have been some other personnel changes in the department with Randy Lazouras taking over for Paul Ingram. 2 teams now are Serge and Doug in East and Randy and Alyssa in the West.
- Follow up to prior discussions regarding the acceptance of shop drawings “approved as noted”. You need to have final approved drawings when you are shipping product. Let PennDOT know about any AAN drawings returned without viable action items. Drawings should not be returned “approved as noted” unless there is an action item required.

- Discussion regarding submission of project documents, mill certs, etc. PennDOT is investigating whether precasters can have direct access to SharePoint to be able to upload large files.
- Some discussion regarding fiber reinforced culverts/pipes – now ASTM approved. Still waiting for AASHTO approval.
- Stock item – inspectors must remove products from stock in EMS. Prior notice required for shipping to local government job. Make a call if immediate need to ship.
- Discussion regarding District 1 and their history of precasting their own beams – they have to follow the same process as precast plants. QA requirements must all be met. Handful of projects – just a few beams. Discussion as to whether the department has violated procurement process by not putting job out to bid when they sold the job to township without bidding.

Associate Spotlight

Tim Cooney - Valbruna Stainless – his presentation is attached to minutes.

Associate Spotlights: September Meeting= Press-Seal Gasket Corporation.

Future meetings: Kelken Construction Systems, Forta Corporation;

Action Items from March 9th 2016 meeting

- Feedback from Box Culvert Installation Training session hosted by AC Miller. Mike Buchan said that the training was very well received by all those who attended. PPA will review the AC Miller training presentation to see if it would be beneficial to add to the website for general consumption.

Membership and Marketing

- Currently have 19 producer members, 4 Professional Members, and 19 Associate Members.
- Please review your vendors and associates that are not involved. Send MS info of someone that may benefit from PPA membership.
- MS requested that product and project photos will be helpful as we upgrade our web site. Please submit to MS in jpeg format.

Executive Director Report

- Since the Cement Shippers organization is going to stop funding for PPA. We will move forward with invitations for individual cement companies to become affiliate members. MS identified 10 companies, however there is a lot of consolidation going on in the industry.
- MS gave an update on the revised OSHA silica rules and how they may affect the precast industry. See attached articles for more information.
- Membership drive is underway—please forward any candidates for associate or producer members to MS.
- MS requested images and product information for updated web site content. Please send .jpg to info@paprecast.org.
- Please inform your admin people of change of address so that checks are not sent to Hank.

Review of Recent Financials:

- Estimated Reserves (as of May 2, 2016): \$29,586

Key Dates

September 7, 2016 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
September 28 – October 1 – NPCA Convention, Austin TX
November 2, 2016- PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
March 2-4, 2017 – The Precast Show, Cleveland, OH