

Pennsylvania Precast Association

Membership Meeting

November 2, 2016

Welcome

Self-Introductions and Anti-Trust Reminder

Minutes were approved from September 7, 2016 meeting

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

- ASR Mitigation task force – Bob Horwhat’s task force has a spec written. The task force includes Terre Hill and Faddis and one prestressed plant. Mix designs have been submitted to PennDOT for mixes Y and Z and samples should be done by Q1 2017.
- Manhole standards have been approved by FHWA, should be operational soon. Precasters will have 6 months to use up existing inventory once the new standard is in effect.
- Another box culvert meeting will be held in December – possibly via Skype or conference call. Topics for discussion will include installation issues, delays, and liquidated damages. Other discussion items will cover tensioning duct issues – out of alignment causing difficulty in field. Are spacers being used? Joe requested detail of duct location and stabilizing methods used from PPA box culvert committee. Do we need to develop and include a standard process in spec/standards? Also some discussion of ship lap joint versus keyed joints – to be continued at box culvert committee meeting.
- Joe showed the PennDOT web page that covers the Buy America and PA Steel Acts. It includes a Q&A page and the new form CS-4171. Item #6 wire tie – foreign steel - receipts must now be submitted for ALL steel – including domestic. Precasters cited that some 250 pages of certs/paperwork had to be submitted for one P3 project which puts an onerous amount of administrative work on the precaster. For projects let before February 18 – note on the cert that “exempt project let before 2/17/16”. No surrounding states require such a high level of documentation. Joe Bracken explained that PennDOT needs to follow the rules to maintain their federal funding for projects. There needs to be a system that makes it easier to comply with the spirit of the Buy America Act while not putting the onus on the precaster. There were some Anti-trust concerns discussed as the producers do not like the idea of their raw cost data being in the public domain. One solution would be for the paperwork to be kept in the precasters office and only submit the CS-4171 form. This method would be preferred and all PPA members agreed that they know that they would be subject to audit for this paperwork. MS to discuss with PennDOT about this preferred option.
- Meanwhile – the list of items that are not available domestically or are cost prohibitive has been submitted to FHWA for waiver/exemption.
- Joe reviewed the Project Collaboration Center on Sharepoint. PPA members need to register on the web site as partners – then all paperwork for a project can be uploaded to the web site. We will discuss the need for training on SharePoint for PPA members.
- Stock item reports are being updated and corrected. Joe Bracken suggested that they look at doing a monthly review versus a quarterly review to keep up with the changing inventories. As per Pub 145 ship the oldest material first. No PennDOT stock items are allowed to be transferred to P3.

- Follow up from last meeting where Nelson Martin brought up the issue of approval formats. There are several stamps being used that differ as it defines “approved” status. Some inspectors are not accepting any wording other than “approved”. Partial payment can be submitted for material produced with “Approved as Noted” drawings.

Associate Spotlight

Andy Good – BASF Construction Systems gave a presentation covering the company’s capabilities beyond their admixture business division. His presentation is attached to these minutes – and you can contact Andy at andrew.good@basf.com

Associate Spotlight for 2017

Kelken Construction, Forta Corporation and Summers Trucking have expressed an interest in participating in the PPA meeting schedule for 2017. If you would like to be added to the list of future presenters, please contact MS.

Action Items up from September 2016 meeting

- No items.

Membership and Marketing

- Now have 20 producer members, 4 Professional Members, and 20 Associate Members. Please review your vendors and associates that are not involved. Send MS info of someone that may benefit from PPA membership.
- The new PPA web site is now live – still working on adding content. Please check it out to make sure your logo and contact information are correct. www.paprecast.org

Executive Director Report

- MS provided some links to learn more about the revised OSHA silica rules and how they may affect the precast industry.
- A PPA member asked for info on how to handle back charges from general contractors. MS gathered information from attorneys and other associations for some tips. It was suggested that we have a guest speaker at future meeting to review best practices for contracts.
- 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 November 2, 2016): \$ 25,796

Key Dates

January 4, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
March 2-4, 2017 – The Precast Show, Cleveland, OH
March 8, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
May 3, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
September 6, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA
October 12-14, 2017 – NPCA Convention, Atlanta, GA
November 1, 2017 – PPA Meeting, New Cumberland, PA