

APWA

Maine Chapter American Public Works Association

MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2004

Eric Street called Board Meeting to order at 9:00 am, MMA – Augusta.

Present: Steve Johnson, Wes Thames, Jerry James, Alan Gove, Art Stockus, Bill Stretton, Greg Dore, Mike Claus, Bob Stevens, Steve Bradstreet, Erik Street, Craig Worth, Mike Bobinski, Adam Ogden.

1. Minutes of February 5, 2004 meeting approved.
2. Steve had no written treasurer's report. Approximately 29,000 in bank account not counting 3 to 4 thousand dollars in checks for congress. Treasurer's Report approved as read.
3. Greg Dore reported on National Meeting in Kansas City. Mostly discussed strategic planning, chapters and branches. Greg said there are problems with communications with multiple branches in some states. Region 1 & Region 2 meeting upcoming in Saratoga, NY on April 24 & 25. Greg looking for next delegate to attend. This would be current open alternate delegate. Greg may become Region 1 director. Greg discussed combined meeting agenda and reasons for meeting as 2 regions.
4. Eric introduced Mike Bobinski to the Board.
5. Bob Stevens on MLRC. Handout on Bond issues upcoming in the legislature. Greg Dore noted that 13.5 million going to Waldo Hancock Bridge. Wes Thames in favor of Bonding Bill. MMTA Defensive Driving Class is being subsidized by MLRC. 12 is max class size. Instructor from MMTA will stay multiple days if needed. Eric Street and Steve Johnson reported this was a very good program. Discussed Loader program by Phil Curtis. Phil would like 10- 16 class size. Snow & Ice workshops had 300 attendees state wide. 14 Roads scholars will be recognized at spring meeting. Eric noted there is a 3-5-04 meeting on MDOT recommendation on weight limit increase on Interstate system.
6. Discussed using MDOT video production. MDOT video person is willing to discuss options MCAPWA would like for a video presentation. Bob will get Steve Johnson together with MDOT video person. Steve Johnson handed out Draft of plan to make a promotional video for the chapter. Discussed plan and ideas for inclusion in video. Eric foresees a 10 minute video. Eric would like to update the video every couple of years or as needed. Greg suggested adding information on National Public Works Week, 3rd week in May. Mike Bobinski discussed National Public Works Week promotion activities planned for Portland. Wes Thames said that City of Bath had a promotional Video that ran on local cable that was very successful. Mike Bobinski made several comments on video plan, discussing PWD community efforts should be emphasized in the video.
7. Discussed Tax Cap, MMA and Governor's Tax proposals. Question came up whether MCAPWA should take a position on Tax issues. Motion to oppose Maine Taxpayers Action Network 1% Tax Cap Initiative moved and seconded, unanimously approved. Motion to oppose elimination of personal and business property tax moved and seconded, unanimously approved.
8. Steve Bradstreet discussed spring meeting. Steve said the agenda is all set. Steve will talk

with DJ and comedian to coordinate food and entertainment. Steve has not heard from lady at Elks regarding the menu. Bob Stevens has contact information. Discussed whether size of meeting has outgrown Elks facility. Greg Dore asked if we need rating sheet for the spring meeting. Erik said there will be a rating sheet.

9. Craig Worth noted IME Application for Excellence Award has been distributed by e-mail. No applications submitted at this time.
10. Steve Johnson reported on highway congress. Steve said second notice going out and we are all set with Townsman advertising. Paul Boudreau said we are all set with bags as Greg Dore has 2000. Steve, Eric and Bill will go to Skowhegan today after meeting to meet with Walter Hight on electrical issues and dig Safe. Greg said that blanket dig safe can be done for entire fairgrounds. Greg said Dave Kinney knows where underground facilities are. Adam Ogden said On-Target can be hired on an hourly basis. Greg Dore noted aerial photo is \$500 for flyover but cost of printing unknown. Greg will get additional costs for printing. Motion to expend \$500 for flyover seconded and approved unanimously. Discussed canopies for time out for training. It was noted we need to get tickets for food for people in those canopies. Eric said time out for training people need to identify themselves as being with MDOT. New England Construction Magazine article is still on. Stewart, Eric and Steve J. going to MassCon show. Greg would like to get an article in APWA magazine on congress. Alan Gove would like 10 day notice, May 24, on number of lunches. Requested that large attendees improve on timeliness of registration. Lions want to go up 25 cents per meal. Motion to accept 6.25 lunch price seconded and approved unanimously.
11. Roadeo Issues discussed and it was noted Steve Walker is looking for replacement for next year. Cumberland County roadeo April 29th. Entrance fee for county roadeo suggested. Motion to expend up to \$500 on plaques for County Roadeos subject to Board approval. Seconded and approved unanimously, except Alan Gove abstained.
12. Committee Chairs selected by Erik Street: Greg Dore on past presidents, Mike Claus on technical, Bill Stretton on membership, Steve Johnson on audit, Gerry James on by-laws, Erik asked chairs to come up with plans for committees.
13. Bill Stretton discussed response to letter on spring meeting asking for new members. Steve Johnson to discuss Chapter dinner next meeting. We discussed Goals. Greg Dore suggested working with MLRC on supervisor training. Mike Bobinski interested in helping on supervisor training workshops. Steve Johnson discussed his work with Institute for Civic Leadership starting on Thursdays in September. Steve will miss several meetings but will stay involved. Next meeting after lunch at spring meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: 11:00 am