



MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

Steve Johnson called meeting to order at 9:05am – MDOT Region 2 office, Augusta, ME

Present: Steve Johnson, Bob Burns, David Cote, Mike Bobinsky, Peter Owen, Robert Seelye, Rob Pontau, Shawn Bennett and Megan Bates; and Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center).

Directors Absent: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Mary Ann Conroy, Dennis Cox, Gerry James, Steve Walker, Stewart Sevey, Eric Labelle and Craig Worth.

Meeting Minutes: Peter Owen made a motion to approve the May 6, 2009 meeting minutes, Bob Burns 2nd the motion, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns, the Chapter's savings balance is \$15,117.90 and the checking balance is \$6,691.20; Bob Burns along with Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus and Steve Johnson held a meeting to discuss changes, decline, in the Chapter's account balances, unforeseen expenses along with other impacts on the budget, David Cote was contact by telephone during the meeting. Bob Seelye made a motion to accept the report, Rob Pontau 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report: Steve Johnson, we have seen a slight drop of 2.05% in membership from 194 to 191 with one new member and a few delinquent, but we are still up from the previous year. Rob Pontau made a motion to accept the report, Peter Owen 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens, we have been working on the road sign program in Aroostook County where a MDOT Traffic Engineer goes around with someone from Public Works to give suggestions on what they should have for signage, Maine Local Roads will be holding a MUTC workshop which is required to be eligible for the sign program; MLR will be holding two "Work Zone Traffic Control" workshops in October, one in Brewer and the other in Waterville; MLR would like to plan a "Maintaining Gravel Roads" workshop for this coming fall if there is enough interest; Jerry Douglas is working on setting up "All About Asphalt" workshops at 5 locations this fall; Nancy Tyler is hoping to have the new manual done for the "Roadway Fundamentals" program this November.

IME Report: Steve Johnson, the information for the Public Works Leader of the Year nominees has been posted on the Chapter's web site; The IME branch of the Chapter has become very inactive over the years with mostly only Craig Worth staying involved and we are trying to track down information on accounts IME had.

Delegates Report: Mike Bobinsky, there are discussions at the national level on how candidates are selected for position in the APWA national, should they seek out more candidates to chose from for national offices; Mike will be attending the National Congress in Columbus, Ohio where he will give his Delegate's report on the state of the Maine Chapter, there is also expected to be more

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discussion on the stimulus package; locally MMA in organizing discussions on Tabor II and the Excise Tax bill for public officials and Mike suggested we as a Chapter have some serious discussions and get more involved with these issues as well, Steve Johnson noted these issues should be included in the Board's next meeting. Bob Burns motioned to accept the report, 2nd by Rob Pontau, motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of Officers: Steve Johnson, we are currently looking at nominees for a vacant seat(s) on the Board, Steve has already contact a couple possible candidates and will contact more before the meeting in October, nominees are required to be an APWA member from the public or private sector; Mike Bobinsky mentioned the Chapter should appoint a new Alternate Delegate with the resignation of Mary Ann Conroy from the Board.

MMA Convention: Mike Bobinsky, will plan to get to the Boston Congress booth at the Ohio convention to get more information, suggest we keep this item on the agenda for upcoming meetings for further discussion.

MMA Convention: David Cote, most speakers are now set just waiting on a couple confirmations, the Elk's Lodge has been secured for the luncheon; Mike Bobinsky asked if Jeff Austin from MMA had been contacted to speak on Tabor II and the Excise Tax, David Cote responded, not yet but he will be very soon.

Golf Tournament: Steve Johnson, the tournament is now only a week away, September 11, we have 10 sponsors and 46 players signed up for the event, there is a new trophy this year and the tax exempt status of the event has been addressed.

Director's Dinner: Steve Johnson, Steve Bradstreet will be making the final arrangements for the dinner very soon.

Other Business:

Steve Johnson started a discussion pertaining to who could serve as the Alternate Delegate for the Chapter, after some discussion a motion was made then later withdrawn for a nominee with the conclusion that this be offered to all Board members, however bylaws state the Chapter's President has the right to appoint this position. Follow up will be required.

Bob Burns expressed concern with the changing trend in the Public Works profession, combining departments, giving them a different name, standard requirements etc.

Suggestion for an agenda item to discuss possibly appointing someone as a spokes person/media relations person for the Chapter.

Suggestion, should we have topics of concern or interest regularly scheduled on the meeting agendas.

Request for final discussion on Supervisory Training, is anyone excluded and what criteria will be used for selection of attendees should there be too many registered for the class.

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Next meeting is scheduled for October 8th at the MMA Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30AM

Respectfully Submitted by David Cote

