

PNS Meeting Minutes for December 16, 1999

Attendance: Ron Wright, Jack Manicke, Clay Wilcox, Graham Gilfillan, Greg Munden, George Swartz, Mark Zitzka, Dan Williams, Dave Jones, Dick Powell, Teresa McNearney, Darren Betts, Jeff Dobson, Gary Farrell, Jim Hand, Dan Codd, Greg Hallauer and by phone, Tom Strandberg and Dawn Anderson

Previous Minutes

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Entered letter from Chris Cerquone on Nitrate issues in Missoula

- Amend minutes to say Friction Tests were done on a glass panel and not on pavement.
- Majority slipperiness is not misapplication but rather refreeze
- Hydration/dehydration functions was what these tests were for

Previous Minutes Approved

New Business

1. Flow meter

- Enter letter from Jeff Dobson & Greg Hallauer (attached).
- They wish the PNS to approve the use of a flow meter in lieu of scales for determining the amount of product delivered.
- Greg to give us further info and we will provide answer next week
- Jeff (Dust Chem) wants to see if the PNS States can or would be willing to change contract specifications to allow use of flow meter, "Coriolis Mass Flow Meter"

2. Formalization of PNS

- we will be looking at this in the closed session and determine who we are and where we are going.

3. Website communications

- Problem: size of documents...all documents we produce need to be in WORD not Word Perfect. Mike Ellis will continue to support this from WSDOT and he will train Clay Wilcox as well.

4. PNS Conference – update by Graham

- Conference scheduled for June 12-14, 2000 in Kelowna, BC
- Cost is \$300 per person and all PNS members will have to register as well. PNS members will have to arrive June 11 (Sunday) as there will be a PNS open meeting on the morning of June 12.
- Jack and Dave will be the moderators for speakers and everyone will take turns manning the PNS booth
- What do we want as part of our booth at the PNS. Possibilities: RWIS info from WA, posters, PNS buttons, computers with PNS Website running

5. Departmental Communications

- MTDOT met with their Bridge Dept. These people are very concerned about what we are doing and non-communication. We need to address their concerns & communicate better. Dawn (Oregon) heavy pressure to not use chlorides. Now more concerned on BOD issues and ok to use Mag. Cl. Bridge people are concerned over their structures. Teresa- 975 samples of chlorides tested on bridges. Levels are going up dramatically. Drag & drill bridges for samples & right to the rebar. Study done in Montana o I90 shows we need more info.
- We need a Best Mgt. Practices looking at all aspects, Enviro. Safety, performance, infrastructure.

6. Forensic Dynamics Reports

- Testing complete and glass report is in
- Found products do go through dehydration. PNS warning issued to our users humidity below 35%
- Graham updated where we are right now.

7. Multi-States Bid – Tom updated

- One bid for all states gets better pricing. 2 meetings for next Jan. 10/99. Utah also interested.
- Bid hopefully will go out April 2000.
- Bid awards for anti-icers are to be done in June 2000.
- Oregon will host the bid with strong support form the Washington purchase group. we will try for a 2 year contract
- Zoning maps hopefully will be ready for Jan. 10

8. Specifications Review

- some categories are not reflecting the products we are getting
- need to revisit the CMA product

9. QPL – New products Approval , Disqualification, Listing

- Some products are not coming in the form they were originally approved at i.e.) % of product.
- We will also look at ways of disqualification i.e.) products no longer available/made
- On New Products the vendors need to supply testing results
- We need to contact manufacturers and suppliers to confirm this

10. Field testing New Products

- Will do it? How do we fund it? Can we get to Performance Standards rather than Specifications? Protocols? What are WA field tests? Get a hold of COREL & see what they do on testing

11. Round Robin Testing

- get some names & addresses for each PNS Lab. Ron will forward samples to the labs

12. Graham updated on where toxicity tests are 13. Nitrogen, BOD, COD Test Results

- Still an issue as to with dilution what actually gets to the water system

14. Ice Ban HITEC Report

- very informative report and worth distributing

15. Lot number Issues

- Everyone is reporting the lot numbers. We can trace these back

16. Standard Operating Procedures for Crews

- Training program being developed by Idaho – ready for next year.
- WA also developing the use of Liquids sections for their crews
- Montana doing up courses on Snow Plowing
- Everyone send each other they're training info and what goes out to Public. Deicer labels also available.

END OF OPEN SESSION

Decisions arising out of Closed Session:

1. Visions and Mission statement will be completed and put on the WEB
2. Invitation will be extended to Alberta as the last member of the PNS but only for Gov't. Agency.
3. Associate member described as any person, agency, company involved in Snow and Ice Control who recognizes the PNS Specifications and formally requests an Associate membership through any PNS member. They will be allowed to attend open sessions of PNS meetings and will receive minutes.
4. Graham will chair and Ron will vice-chair the PNS Snow Conference 2000.
5. On the new product Approval Process, the product approval will list concentration level of pure product and then must be bid at this level. Any other concentration level will be considered a new product and have to go through the usual approval process. Any old product not being bid, the manufacturer / supplier will be contacted to see if it should be excluded from the list. To disqualify a product the PNS must give 6 months written notice to meet product specification and if they can not, the product will be removed from the list. The PNS will be charging a flat rate (to be determined) on the receipt of any new product for testing. This will also enable new products to be tested all year long. We will look at approving independent labs to assist in this process. These labs must be able to perform all PNS tests and show that they provide accurate results.

END OF MINUTES

NEXT PNS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE PNS CONFERENCE IN KELOWNA,
BC IN THE GRAND OKANOGAN RESORT HOTEL

OPEN MEETING

JUNE 12, 2000 FROM 8:00AM –12:00PM.

CLOSED MEETING

JUNE 15, 2000 FROM 8:00AM –12:00PM