

A.C. Fletcher



FOSCO, INC.

MANUFACTURING/ENGINEERING STAFF MEETING

APRIL 23, 1974 - 2:00 P.M.

Present: P. A. Partington
M. S. Wood
W. C. Fletcher
G. M. Campbell
F. S. Bilton
R. W. Porter

Garnex Plant Installation

Modular tool design study has been completed and G. Campbell has submitted report. Also, the suggested price policy has been completed with a report submitted by G. Campbell.

- Next Garnex meeting is scheduled for May 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mastick Rd. office.

Mark V

Project has been tabled for re-study. R. Porter is putting together a capital on the complete system again.

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T. Bernardi wants the acid tank. P. Partington asked if Cleveland Plant could not put it to better use. M. Wood felt the tank is too big so it was agreed the tank would be left in Chicago.

F. Bilton pointed out the problem Metro Container had with spillage of a can of acid while dumping the trash. M. Wood reported that chromic acid has been reacting to the can and therefore some scrap resulted. These cans are found in the trash.

P. Partington asked M. Wood to work with Purchasing to find a place in the city that can handle reclaiming acid.

Asbestos-free Program

W. Fletcher reported disastrous efforts with the one-piece seal-on tops. Final instructions given for the 454 top for Sharon are that it must be non-asbestos. However, we have not been able to make a production run in asbestos-free recipe.

A memo from H. Sheppard in the name of the committee reiterated a need for more definitive measures from production and engineering.

W. Fletcher is quite happy with scheduling and running of experimental tests but the people who need to see the tests are not always there. W. Fletcher pointed out the directive given by P. Partington some time ago that when each test is run, Production, Quality Control, Technical and Engineering people should be present. Therefore, W. Fletcher asked that an engineer be assigned

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this job. B. Porter pointed out that this should really be A. Gink's job.

Equipment Conversion

M. Wood pointed out it is a fruitless exercise to combine the two machines; it is the ovens that need to be altered.

He also reported that 24 capitals totalling \$135,000 for alterations to machines are completed and being considered for approval. In some cases, the asset life is hard to determine so Accounting will have difficulty handling them.

Building Additions

Since revenue bond has been approved, M. Wood feels the warehouse addition may do well. The Receiving Department has completed layout. There is a need for packaging material space, finished goods racks. We need concrete poured in back for drum and pallet storage area.

M. Wood also does not feel the need for a second shrink tunnel. There has only been four or five hours of repair work done on our present tunnel. However, space for second shrink tunnel should be anticipated.

W. Fletcher feels the quality of shrink tunnel is bad due to bad shrink. Product looks bad going out to customers.

P. Partington asked that M. Wood and G. Campbell discuss materials and demurrage problem.

March Expense Performance

P. Partington reported Cleveland Plant looks pretty good. To which M. Wood asked that another more descriptive adjective be used, such as "superb".

Mt. Braddock expense performance looks bad. Labor efficiency not good. Trucking is included in savings.

W. Fletcher questioned material loss as distinguished from price variance at Mt. Braddock.

A. Crimaldi is putting together another way of flexing budget using mileage rather than sales dollars. Should be more realistic.

M. Wood reported receipt of trolley in Receiving Department for W. Fletcher. W. Fletcher will check into this since he is still awaiting truck and scale.

A question was raised about the \$10,000 vacuum cleaner; to which M. Wood reported it works as specified, but cannot be expected to remove 15 years of dust from tops of furnaces. It requires skill to operate and is under maintenance control. The machine has not been used in the Receiving Department.

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