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MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA

October 12, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. T. E. Armstrong, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Directors. Those in attendance were:

W. D. Herbert	The Celotex Corporation
M. C. Carpenter	The Flintkote Company
G. E. Wilson	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
G. I. Fischer	Grand Rapids Gypsum Company
E. J. Killian	National Gypsum Company
T. E. Armstrong, Sr.	Temple-Texas Gypsum Company
A. J. Watt	United States Gypsum Company
R. B. Cartwright	Legal Counsel
A. V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On motion duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the last meeting as submitted to the Board of Directors, were approved as recorded and distributed by the Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary read the report of the Executive Committee as submitted by Mr. T. E. Armstrong, Sr., Chairman. The committee had taken action in one instance since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. The committee had unanimously approved a recommendation by Mr. R. A. Costa that the Association seek legal counsel opinion as to the Association taking action with the Cost of Living Council to exempt the gypsum industry from price controls. Such opinion was distributed to the entire Board of Directors who, in turn, disapproved any such action by the Association. On motion duly made and unanimously passed, the Secretary was asked to again poll the Board of Directors for approval of the Association taking such action with the Cost of Living Council.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of all standing committees had been approved as presented during the previous two-day membership meeting, however, certain items of budget consideration and policy matters were reviewed and acted upon.

The recommendations of the Safety Committee concerning the Association safety program were reviewed in detail. The Safety Committee was directed to continue the safety program with all of the awards, posters and reporting systems (as presently constituted). The Directors were requested to place management emphasis on the program and especially the presentation of awards for excellent safety records. The Secretary was requested to distribute the list of states

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that had passed or had proposed legislation concerning OSHA state plans.

The coordinated program of the Materials Handling Committee with the Association of American Railroads was reviewed and once again the member companies were requested to direct their attention to the loading of the test flat car shipments to assure damage-free loads during the field test. The Secretary was requested to advise the Directors of the plants involved in the field test program.

The Directors next considered the proposal of the Materials Handling and Traffic Committees to change their name and expand the scope of activity. It was the consensus that several of the recommended areas of activity were inappropriate. Upon motion duly seconded and unanimously passed, the activities and responsibilities of the Materials Handling Committee were placed under the auspices of the Manufacturing & Mining Committee. Also on motion duly seconded and unanimously passed, it was directed that the Traffic Committee be retained separately from the Materials Handling Committee and limit its scope to purely traffic matters. They were directed to develop a written scope of activities and responsibilities for presentation at the next membership meeting.

The recommendation of the Building Code and Technical Committees for the Association to retain a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Standards upon completion of the present program was approved. The Secretary was directed to begin a search for a well qualified candidate in the fire-testing and fire research areas to be retained in this capacity.

The Directors then reviewed the previous recommendations and their approval for the Association to place a staff member in Washington, D.C., and on motion duly seconded and unanimously passed, this action was reaffirmed.

The request of the Technical Committee for an additional $2000 to continue the test program measuring asbestos dust emanating from the mixing and sanding of joint compounds was approved and the Executive Committee was requested to act upon requests for additional funds needed for completion of the program.

The results of the Association fire testing program conducted by the Technical Committee was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that the testing program should continue, but should first be redirected to determine what factors were responsible for the trend indicated by the series of fire test failures.

The possibility of the United States changing over to metric measurements by federal legislation was discussed and the Technical

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