

SECTION 305 FINANCE SUB COMM

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7,
2011

3:00 PM EST

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>DJ Stadler, Treasurer S305 NGECE Committee Executive Board, and Chair of the S305 Finance Subcommittee</i>
ATTENDEES	<i>DJ Stadler, Brent Thompson, Bill Bronte, Steve Hewitt, Leo Penne, Nico Lindenau</i>
ABSENTEES	<i>Paul Nissenbaum, Whitney Phend, Juli Salvi, Amy Arnis, Chad Edison, Shayne Gill, David Ewing, Ken Uznanski, Nancy Greene, Jim Donlin</i>

DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS MADE

DJ Stadler called the meeting of the Finance subcommittee to order and the roll call was taken.

On a motion by Brent Thompson, and a second by DJ Stadler, the minutes of the August 24, 2011 conference call were approved without objection.

Agenda items:

1. Status of Letter to Appropriators re: NGECE funding FY2012 – DJ Stadler
2. Update: Rob Edcumbe – contract status – DJ Stadler
3. Review : Upcoming Executive Board Meeting Agenda: Bill Bronte
5. Other – All

Item 1 - Status of Letter to Appropriators re: NGECE funding FY2012 – DJ Stadler:

DJ Stadler reported that the letter from the Executive Board to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees was sent out on September 1, 2011. DJ will provide a copy of the letters to Steve Hewitt for distribution following this call.

Item 2 – Update: Rob Edgcumbe’s contract status – DJ Stadler:

DJ reported that all Amtrak ethics issues have been worked out with regard to bringing Rob Edgcumbe on board as a consultant to the 305 NGEC. DJ will prepare a proposal for Executive Board consideration at the Executive Board meeting to be held in Charlotte, NC next week. (September 15, 2011)

Item 3 –Review of the proposed agenda for the September 15, 2011 Executive Board Meeting – Bill Bronte:

Bill Bronte reviewed key items that will be on the agenda for the Executive Board meeting to be held in Charlotte, NC on September 15, 2011.

- Buy America industry survey being undertaken by the FRA – a status update.
- An update on the FRA position paper on Crash Energy Management (CEM)
- FRA Year end budget discussion in regards to providing the NGEC with additional funds
- Progress being made by the Joint procurement Task Force
- Progress being made on the development of a DMU requirements document
- An update on the status of revising the Diesel-electric Locomotive requirements document from top speed of 125 to top speed of 110 mph
- Standardization Pilot Program update
- A possible decision on the Document Change Summary
- Filling the vacant Chair of the Administrative Task Force and the Secretary of the Board officer’s position.
- A discussion on the next steps for the Structure and Finance working group.
- Potential decision on the proposed Dual Mode Locomotive Requirements document.
- Setting the date for the NGEC Annual Meeting.

A brief discussion on the various agenda items took place. DJ agreed to lead the discussion on the Structure and Finance Working Group and to offer, as part of that agenda item, the proposal for procuring Rob Edgcumbe’s services under an NGEC contract.

Bill Bronte elaborated on the progress being made by the Joint Procurement Task Force and concerns with maintaining transparency in the process as well as confidentiality once the RFI has gone out.

In regard to the annual meeting – Bill suggested to Leo Penne, AASHTO that it may be a good idea to work the date around the SCORT Spring meeting in Washington, DC. Leo will look at the calendar to find potential dates in February, 2012.

Action Items Update

Carryover Action Item: Leo Penne, AASHTO, has sent out a request for states to provide contact information of state attorneys who work with their state's rail program. Purpose is to establish a states legal pool as a resource to the Committee. Leo will provide a list of the 20 states that have responded and send it to Steve Hewitt for distribution.

Carryover Action Item: Nancy Greene to provide DJ Stadtler with proposed voting procedures for the Finance subcommittee to consider. (It will be based on the procedures adopted by the Technical subcommittee)

Action Item: DJ Stadtler to provide Steve Hewitt with a copy of the 305 NGEC letter to the Appropriators for distribution.

Action Item: DJ to check with FRA in regards to providing the Committee with additional funds as part of the FRA end of year budget decisions and report on the status at the September 15th Board meeting.

Action Item: DJ will prepare a procurement proposal for Board consideration in regards to procuring Rob Edgcumbe's services for the NGEC.

Agenda

September 7, 2011

1. Status of Letter to Appropriators re: NGEC funding FY2012 – DJ Stadtler
2. Update: Rob Edgcumbe contract status – DJ Stadtler
3. Review of the draft agenda for the upcoming Executive Board Meeting – Bill Bronte
4. Other - All

**Next Finance subcommittee conference call: September 21, 2011 at 3:00pm Eastern
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