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SECTION 305 NGEC Executive Board

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2019

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

FACILITATOR	<i>Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGEC Executive Board</i>
ATTENDEES	Board Members: <i>Eric Curtit, Charlie King, Ray Hessinger, Tim Ziethen, Jeff Gordon for Michael Lestingi, Arun Rao, Arun Rao also as proxy for Amanda Martin, John Oimoen, John Oimoen also as proxy for Tim Hoeffner, Allan Paul, Kyle Gradinger, Brian Beeler II, Support Staff:</i> <i>Steve Hewitt, Shayne Gill, Larry Salci, Michael Burshtin, Mike Murray, Patrick Centolanzi</i>
ABSENTEES	Board Members: <i>Michael Lestingi, Amanda Martin, Ron Pate, John Rosacker, Tim Hoeffner, Support:</i> <i>Jason Biggs, Momo Tamaoki, Jon Dees, John Bell, Beth Nachreiner, Strat Cavros, Tammy Krause</i>

DECISIONS MADE

1.

Welcome – Eric Curtit, Chair, S305 NGEC Executive Board:

Chairman Curtit opened the call and asked Steve Hewitt to call the roll.

2. Roll Call –Steve Hewitt, NGEC Program Manager:

Steve Hewitt called the roll, and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

After roll call, Chairman Curtit asked for a moment of silence in memory of Joe Boardman, former Amtrak CEO; FRA Administrator, and Commissioner of NYSDOT, who passed away suddenly after suffering a stroke while vacationing with his family.

Eric commented that losing Joe means that “we have lost one of the biggest rail advocates in the industry”. Joe was truly an incredible force in the industry and a friend who will be sorely missed.

Eric also noted that his family has a history of strokes, and he recommended that anyone who may have such a history should ask their doctor for a MTHFR to help in stroke prevention.

3.

Action items Review – Steve Hewitt:

Steve Hewitt noted that most open action items are covered under the agenda.

The status of one action items not covered specifically by today’s agenda:

Equipment Acquisition and Ownership WG:

The working group last met on 2-7-19, and new information was provided – primarily from the Planning section leader.

At the Annual Meeting on 2-22-19, each section leader provided a short overview of its section, goals, and timeline for completion.

On 3-6-19, a DRAFT of Section 4 – Sustainability – was submitted by Atkins on Behalf of WSDOT and was distributed to all working group members. 3 of 4 DRAFT sections have now been submitted for review.

The next call is scheduled for 4-4-19.

**4.
Approval of the Minutes from the 2-22-19 Annual Meeting – Eric Curtit, MoDOT:**

On a motion offered by Allan Paul, NCDOT, and seconded by John Oimoen, IDOT, the minutes from the 2-22-19 NGEC Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

**5.
Summary Review – 9th NGEC Annual Meeting – 2-22-19 Washington, DC – Eric Curtit/Steve Hewitt:**

Eric Curtit noted that he felt the Annual Meeting was a success. He also noted that the new half day format seemed to be well received. The NGEC, as always, is the last meeting in a long list of meetings held during that week and making the meeting shorter gives members a chance to get home in reasonable time, without cutting back on the content.

Eric added that it was nice to see Mario Bergeron (former NGEC Vice Chair) participate in the meeting along with some colleagues from VIA Rail. It was also good to see how "our mission has expanded beyond the U.S to our neighbors to the North."

The meeting, overall, "went very well with a lot of information sharing, excellent presentations and good dialogue. It is great to get a chance each year to put some faces to the voices on the phone."

Steve Hewitt gave an overview as well, and he noted that he thought the meeting was very well attended and productive. There were approximately 70 attendees. This is slightly more than last year which is a very good sign, especially in the 10th year of the NGEC. This shows that the interest remains strong.

Feedback has been excellent – several industry members contacted Steve Hewitt to let him know how pleased they were with the meeting, its flow, its information and its length. The new half day format seemed to be a hit.

There were many updates and summary presentations provided on the activities of the NGEC and its subcommittees and working groups as well as the ongoing equipment procurements and an excellent presentation from VIA rail on the company and its current procurement. All were well received by those in attendance.

All presentations have been sent to AASHTO for posting to the NGEC website. They were also sent to the NGEC distribution list, but the file size prevented acceptance by some servers.

**6.
Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement – Kyle Gradinger, Caltrans:**

Kyle Gradinger provided the following update for inclusion in today's (3-12-19) minutes:

- All DCRs submitted for the standard coach have been approved, along with two for the Cab Car. The DCR to extend cab car overall length was withdrawn, and the car will conform to the specified length of 85 feet. System-level FDR approvals of the Carbody & Clearance, Water & Waste, HVAC, Gap Filler, Digital Communications, Diagnostic System, Double Sliding Step, Accessible Toilet Room, Safety Appliances, Lighting Systems, Semi-Permanent and H-type couplers, Trucks, Exterior Doors, Interior Doors, Gangway and Brakes have been provided to SCOA/Siemens. FDRs for Analog Communication System, Diaphragm, Electrical System and Trap Door have also been recently approved and final actions are being addressed on the last two systems – Interiors and Wheelchair Lift. FDR related CDRLs and other submittals continue through the review and approval process.

-The first 13 carshells are in production at Siemens Sacramento Facility. Underframe cable duct, piping and floor supports have been installed on Carshell #1. Carshell #2 is pending water test with cable duct installation to follow. Carshell #3 and #4 were delivered for paint and sound barrier application. Carshell #4 Car shell remains in storage pending scheduling for rework to passivated surfaces. Carshell #9 is in preparation for Q-14 inspection. The remaining carshells are in various stages of integration and welding. The expansion of the Sacramento production facility is structurally complete and being equipped with cranes and fixtures.

-Caltrans, IDOT, SCOA and Siemens conducted an online meeting with FRA Office of Civil Rights on February 20 to present a comprehensive overview of the ADA features of the new coaches. CALTRANS plans an additional meeting with the California ADA community next week.

-The FAI process is underway and FAIs have occurred for the Carshell Complete, Digital Communication System, Lighting System, Couplers, Sanitary System, Sidewall Lining, FRP Panels, Brake System, Interior Doors, Truck Frame, Flooring and heated panel and Battery Charger. Open items are being addressed and the FAIs are revisited for closure

by the customer team as needed. The HVAC, Full Truck, Sliding Step, Seats, Electrical Cabinet, Windows, Analog Communications, Electrical Switch Cabinet and Fully Assembled Bogie occurred in February. Passenger Seat and Table FAIs are scheduled for March.

7.

Update: Metro-North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Revised RFP:

Ray Hessinger reported that Metro-North has developed a short list of 3 firms that have passed the selection committee process. At the request of vendors, the due date for final proposals has been extended to 4-12-19.

8.

Amtrak Equipment Procurement – Charlie King, Amtrak:

Charlie King reported that there was not much new on the Locomotive procurement – they are just waiting to get started.

On the car/trainset procurement – bids are coming in. An extension has been requested by several companies and has been accepted by Amtrak, but the overall process continues to be expeditious, and “we continue to push towards that expedited timeline.”

The goal continues to be to have a decision in 2019 on next steps within the bid process.

9.

Update: Document Control – Tammy Krause:

Tammy Krause was not available for today’s call (3-12-19), but informed Steve Hewitt that there was nothing new to report since the Annual Meeting.

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Other:

With no other business forthcoming, Eric Curtit adjourned the meeting around 12:20pm Eastern.

The next conference call will be 3-26-19

Decisions/Action Items

Update – Multi-State Rail Car Procurement as of 3-12-19:

See agenda item 6 in the minutes.

Metro North Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – Update as of 3-12-19:

Metro-North has developed a short list of 3 firms that have passed the selection committee process. At the request of vendors, the due date for final proposals has been extended to 4-12-19.

Document Control Update – 3-12-19:

Tammy Krause was not available for today’s call (3-12-19), but informed Steve Hewitt that there was nothing new to report since the Annual Meeting.

Equipment Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices Working Group – 3-12-19:

The working group will next meet on 4-4-19. Three of four DRAFT sections have been submitted and distributed to the working group members.

Amtrak Locomotive Procurement – 3-12-19:

On the Locomotives (Chargers):

There was not much new on the Locomotive procurement – they are just waiting to get started.

On the car/trainset procurement:

Bids are coming in. An extension has been requested by several companies and has been accepted by Amtrak, but the overall process continues to be expeditious.

Charger Updates from States and Amtrak:

On 10-23-18, at Chairman Curtit's request, States and Amtrak provided summary updates on the Charger Locomotives now that they have been placed in service. The Chairman will be asking for these updates on a periodic basis, with the next update planned for the NGECE 2019 Annual Meeting – 2-22-19.

On 2-22-19 at the Annual Meeting, Charger experience updates were provided and captured in the minutes of that meeting.

Next update – as appropriate.

**S305 NGECE Executive Board Conference Call
March 12, 2018
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern
Call in number: 888 585-9008 conference access: 559-120-127**

Agenda

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| 2. Roll Call | Steve Hewitt |
| 3. Action Items Status Review | Steve Hewitt |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from 2-22-19 NGECE Annual Meeting | Eric Curtit |
| 5. Summary Review NGECE 9 th Annual Meeting | Eric Curtit/Steve Hewitt |
| 6. Update: Multi-State Car Procurement | Kyle Gradinger |
| 7. Update: Metro North – Dual Mode Locomotive Procurement – revised RFP | Ray Hessinger |
| 8. Update: Amtrak Equipment Procurement | Charlie King |
| 9. Update: Document Control | Tammy Krause |
| 10. Other | All |

Next Call -3-26-19