
SECTION 305 NGENC Executive Board

MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2017

11:30 EASTERN

CONFERENCE CALL

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| FACILITATOR | <i>Darrell Smith, Treasurer, S305 NGENC Executive Board</i> |
| ATTENDEES | Board Members: <i>Darrell Smith, Michael Lestingi, Tammy Krause for Mario Bergeron, Arun Rao, Arun Rao also as proxy for John Oimoen, and Amanda Martin, Jason Biggs for Ron Pate, Allan Paul, Momo Tamaoki, Michael Jenkins, Brian Beeler II</i> Support Staff: <i>Jeff Gordon, Sal DeAngelo, Nathan Vomocil, Tim Zeethen, Steve Hewitt, Larry Salci, Dave "Emeritus" Warner</i> |
| ABSENTEES | Board Members: <i>Eric Curtit, Mario Bergeron, Ray Hessinger, Amanda Martin, Tim Hoeffner, John Oimoen, Ron Pate, John Rosacker,</i> Support: <i>Jon Dees, Shayne Gill, Bryan Hong, Beth Nachreiner, George Hull, Patrick Centolanzi,</i> |

DECISIONS MADE

1.

Welcome –Darrell Smith, Treasurer, S305 NGENC Executive Board:

In the absence of Chairman Curtit and Vice Chairman Bergeron, NGENC Treasurer, Darrell Smith, Amtrak, convened today's meeting.

Roll Call –Steve Hewitt, Manager, S305 NGENC Support Services:

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

3.

Review of Action Items – Steve Hewitt:

Most actions items are covered under today's agenda, but for the record, a status update of all open action items, as of the start of this meeting, is included below:

Procurement Updates: (Ongoing)

On 1-17-17, the Chair tabled Bi-Level procurement updates until new information is available and appropriate to share.

Diesel-Electric Locomotive Procurement update as of 6-20-17 – Agenda item 6.

Mid-West States – Section 6 progress report:

Progress continues to be made – as the four Mid-West States and Amtrak have executed their lease agreements.

The first Fleet Ownership Board meeting will take place next week. (week of 7-24-17)

Agenda item 5.

Finance and Administrative Subcommittee and New Grant Activities: (Ongoing)

Amtrak and AASHTO are working towards finalizing their contract in accordance with the Grant Agreement Budget and SOW. Amtrak procurements is working through the language for the extension. Once this is done between Amtrak and AASHTO then AASHTO will do the same with the sub-consultant contracts.

Ongoing status updates will be provided to the Executive Board until the contracts have been finalized and executed.

The FASC approved updates to the NGENC Contract Procedures on 7-13-17; and on 7-18-17, the NGENC Executive Board approved the document as revised. It will now be processed in final form and sent to all Board members, and to AASHTO for posting to the website.

Agenda item 7.

Technical subcommittee update: Next update 8-29-17.

514 subcommittee update: Agenda item 8

Formation of the Acquisition and Ownership Best Practices Task Force – The task force has been named, with Eric Curtit serving as Chair. Members include: Tim Hoeffner, Michigan DOT and Mike Jenkins, Oregon DOT as well as representatives (yet to be named) from Illinois DOT, Washington State DOT and Amtrak and FRA. Larry Salci will also participate and Paul Jamieson, SNC-Lavalin has volunteered as well.

Members have been identified.

Eric Curtit reported on 5-23-17 that he and Steve Hewitt were working on a brief that will encapsulate what it is the working group should accomplish and will send it out for member feedback. Following that input, it will be sent to NGECE Executive Board members for review and comment. (ongoing)

Status as of 8-15-17: In recent conversations with Steve Hewitt, Eric has begun to re-focus his attention on the formation of the Acquisition and Ownership Working Group. As you will recall, the Board agreed to wait until the Locomotive procurement process was complete and the equipment was in service so that those involved would have the time and ability to provide their input and insight into the efforts of the working group. With that process coming to completion, Eric intends to begin the activities of the working group soon. He has noted that his intent is to capture the things we've learned and to develop best practices for ownership and acquisition. More will follow on this in the coming weeks.

This remains an ongoing item

4.

Approval of the Minutes from the 7-18-17 Conference call meetings – Darrell Smith:

On a motion by Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT, and a second by Allan Paul, NCDOT, the minutes from the 7-18-17 Executive Board conference call were approved as presented.

5.

Progress Report: Mid-West States – Section 6 – Arun Rao:

Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT, reported that the Mid-West Fleet Pool Board held its initial meeting on 7-26-17. By-Laws were approved and Officers were elected.

On the Mid-West Locomotives – they are in service on several routes.

6.

Status Update: Diesel-Electric Locomotive Procurement – Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT for John Oimoen, IDOT:

John Oimoen provided the following update for inclusion in today's minutes and they were read into the record by Arun Rao, Wisconsin DOT:

All locomotives have completed required testing and all reports have been submitted and received. 110 mph hour testing in MI and the Chicago/St. Louis line will take place when all PTC logistics and software are up and in place

All Caltrans locomotives have been delivered to Oakland. They are all in revenue service.

IDOT and Siemens have signed conditional and final acceptance on 18 IDOT units.

IDOT Revenue service started 7/27/2017, with no issues to-date. Six IDOT Locomotives have had title transfer from Siemens to IDOT, and are in revenue service. Two more planned for this week. Two more units are on their way from TTCI in Pueblo.

IDOT locomotives 4616 - 4623 have completed burn-in testing at TTCI. Locomotives 4624 & 4625 will be burn-in tested this week at TTCI. The locomotives stored at TTCI will shipped to Chicago, as soon as storage space becomes available. Storage space in Chicago is limited, until the P-42 locomotives are re-deployed by Amtrak.

The states, Amtrak and Siemens continue to work on the Wi-tronix system implementation. Software/communication

tests were successfully performed last week in Chicago. As soon as the finalized software can be up-loaded to all units (estimate 1-2 weeks), the locomotives can run in lead position.

All WSDOT Locomotives have been delivered and have completed pre-revenue testing and are being readied for revenue service.

WSDOT reports that they are close on their lease agreement with Amtrak.

Siemens warranty service locations are now established at all JPE locations.

The Failure Review Board has been established, with two meetings taking place so far with all JPE's included and Siemens. Amtrak representation will also be asked to take part.

7. Finance and Administrative Subcommittee Progress Report - Darrell Smith:

- a. Status: Amtrak/AASHTO Contract extensions – AASHTO/consultant extensions

Darrell Smith reported that this morning (8-15-17) he received word that the agreement has cleared the section of Amtrak addressing the new FRA requirements regarding plan goals for DBE. This item has now cleared Amtrak and purchasing will be in touch with AASHTO to move forward with the contract extension between Amtrak and AASHTO through the life of the grant agreement (9-30-19). AASHTO will, in turn, work with the sub-contractors to do the same with those contracts.

8. 514 Subcommittee Update – Brian Beeler II – NNEPRA for Maine, DOT:

Brian Beeler II reported that he has just received (and he expressed his thanks to Darrell Smith, and Amtrak, in general) the first full draft of the updated CIP. This will be reviewed and discussed on today's (8-15-17) scheduled 514 subcommittee conference call. Brian added that there is a pretty good story to tell again this year in the CIP.

He also reported that the 3rd quarter reconciliation call was held last week and the information/details on equipment capital overhauls are going well within a very good timeframe.

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Darrell Smith added that the updates to the CIP are moving along well and getting to be more routine and more detailed. The last CIP was 127 pages – this year it is at 134 pages.

9. Other – all:

10. Adjourn:

With no other business forthcoming for today, Darrell Smith adjourned the call at 11:45AM Eastern.

The next conference call is August 29, 2017

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Standing Subcommittee monthly update schedule:

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514 subcommittee – next update – 9-12-17
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August 15, 2017
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 the 7-18-17 conference call meetings | Darrell Smith |
| 5. Progress Report: Mid-West States – Section 6 | Tim Hoeffner |
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| 8. 514 subcommittee Progress Report | Brian Beeler II |
| 9. Other | All |

Next Meeting -August 29, 2017
