



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Linda Thomas, Chair
DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 2020
SUBJECT: **June Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the NET RMA is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, June 9, 2020
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: Videoconference accessible at www.netrma.org

Enclosed please find the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions, please call Bianca Felux at 903.630.7894.

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 1:30 P.M.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Pursuant to the suspension of certain open meetings laws by Governor Greg Abbott, this meeting will be held by video and teleconference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of COVID-19. Some staff and Board Members may be present in the NET RMA offices while others may attend the meeting via telephonic and/or videoconference. In order to maintain safe social distancing, members of the public will not be permitted to attend in person. Instead, we ask that you access the Board Meeting online via our website at www.netrma.org. Members of the public that wish to join the telephonic and/or videoconference to provide comments during the Board Meeting must register by 12:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by submitting a witness registration form at www.netrma.org or by contacting the NET RMA at (903) 630-7894.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office and on the NET RMA website and office on Friday, June 9, 2020.

2. INVOCATION

3. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Attendance: Linda Thomas, Barham Fulmer, Belinda Andrus, Dan Droege, Dave Spurrier, Gary Halbrooks, James Harris, John Cloutier, Keith Honey, Larry Morse, Mike Thomas, Nathan Priefert, Robby Shults, Robert Messer

4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD

No Comment.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE

A. MAY 12, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion to approve: Gary Halbrooks 2nd: Barham Fulmer. Unanimously approved.

B. JUNE 5, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Motion to approve: Gary Halbrooks 2nd: Barham Fulmer. Unanimously approved.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Action Item
Linda Thomas

Linda Thomas stated that this is the 2nd virtual board meeting. She thanked all for their patience and support. Locally, the traffic has picked up on Toll 49.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

No report.

Linda Thomas

B. Personnel Committee

No report.

Jason Ray

C. Construction and Maintenance Committee

Barham Fulmer stated they have not met but mowing on Toll 49 has begun and it is looking good.

Barham Fulmer

D. Member Outreach Committee

John Cloutier stated that his business will be discussed on a separate line item.

John Cloutier

E. East Texas Hourglass Committee

No report.

Dave Spurrier

F. Investment Committee

No report.

Robert Messer

8. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Linda Thomas

A. East Texas Corridor Council

No report.

B. I-69 Alliance Committee

No report.

C. East Texas Council of Governments

No report.

9. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Dianne Johnston stated that deferred outflows related to pension equal a total combined amount of 379M. Total liabilities both short term and long term: 207M. Deferred Inflows related to retirement is 207M. The net between the assets and net assets is about 172M. Next is statement of revenues and expenses comparing April 2020 to 2019: Total operating revenue for monthly is lower than April 2019 due to COVID. Year to date operating revenue in 2020 is higher than where they were in 2019 by over 1M. Total operating expenses YTD 2020 is over April 2019 by 217k. She stated that the variance is largely due to the employee salary and benefits line item as well as public marketing and expense line item. Total Toll 49 operating expenses are at 1.2M which is under the same period of 2019. Other income and expense section: Net expense is more than 2019 by about 2.6M. That variance is due to the depreciation expense for Segment 4 and due to the recording of the insurance proceeds accrual for the bridge repair as well as the negative variance on the interest income which is due to the FED decreasing the rates. Change in net position: there is a deficit of 2.7M which is higher than where they were in 2019 by about 936k. Budget vs. Actual: total operating revenue is under budget by 7%. They went from -3% in March to -7% in April due to COVID. She stated that she hopes May will show an improvement. Total operating expense actual is under budget by 7%. Looking at total Toll 49 operating expenses, the actual is under budget by 25%. The other income and expense section is under budget by 7%. Net income is under budget by 16%.

Motion: Mike Thomas; 2nd: Larry Morse. Unanimously approved.

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AWARD OF PRIORITY PROJECT GRANTS.

(RESOLUTION 20-11)

Action Item

John Cloutier thanked all for making the time. He stated he is proud of the NET RMA and the things they have done. He stated he is thankful to the committee for coming together to make the decision. There were 7 projects submitted and they have come up with a recommendation. He stated that they plan on doing this every year and if board members have projects they would like to submit but need guidance, please ask the staff as they are more than willing to help as well as veteran board members. This year they selected 3 projects. The original budget was 700k. They recommend awarding 635k: Gregg County - 270k, Wood - 125k, Rusk - 240k. He stated that if they read the projects, they will find that they have a rail and airport project which is reason to be proud as it shows the NET RMA is working towards helping different forms of transportation. Barham Fulmer asked to see what the other 4 project submittals were. Everett Owen stated they will send an email of the other submittals. Barham Fulmer stated an executive summary would be great.

Motion to approve: Dave Spurrier; 2nd: Robert Messer. Unanimously approved.

11. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Everett Owen

Interim Executive Director Everett Owen stated that he would keep it brief. The transactions for Toll 49 have shown an upward trend. They are recovering more quickly than other toll agencies in Texas which is good news. The bad news is that they started out great but then fell very low. They are still lower than any previous years so far. The lines are trending upward which is good, but they are still well below revenue projections, so it is important to watch over expenses and be conservative going forward. Everett also stated they scheduled a board meeting in July, but they will look to see if they have enough items for that. Dianne Johnston has started working on the budget for next year and he would like to at least have a meeting to discuss where the significant changes will be.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Linda Thomas thanked all for their due diligence and their support of the NET RMA. Adjourned: 1:55 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, IF ANY

- At any time during the meeting of the NET RMA Board of Directors, the Board may meet in executive session for

consultation concerning matters under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including:

- A. **Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney**—Consultation with and advice from legal counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, ongoing disputes and potential disputes, and other legal issues.
- B. **Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property**—Discussion of real property purchase, exchange, lease, license, gift, donation, and/or negotiated settlement, including property to be acquired for right-of-way.
- C. **Section 551.074. Personnel Matters**—Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, reassignment, evaluation, duties, discipline, and/or dismissal of personnel.

Tentatively Scheduled NET RMA Board Meetings:

August 11, 2020 – Location To Be Determined

Non-Scheduled Meetings / Functions - Where a Quorum could be Present, but No RMA Business would be conducted:

June 25, 2020 – Texas Transportation Commission meeting

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Board will allow an open comment period, **not to exceed one hour**, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Board, including an item listed on the agenda. Public comment that does not relate to a specific agenda item must be made during the open comment period. You must be recognized by the Chair.

Each speaker will be allowed a **maximum of three (3) minutes**. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Board members may neither comment nor question speakers during the open comment period, but may request the Chair, or a recognized committee, to investigate the subject further. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting.

NOTE

Enumerated agenda items are assigned for ease of reference only, and will not necessarily be considered by the Board in that particular order. The Chair may rearrange the order in which agenda items are considered.

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