



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Linda Thomas, Chair
DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021
SUBJECT: **May Board Meeting**

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

DATE: Tuesday, May 11, 2021
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, May 11, 2021, 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 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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, May 7, 2021.

May 11, 2021 1:31PM. Gary Halbrook, Vice Chair states that he is in attendance in board meeting today in place of Linda Thomas, Chair, as she is unable to attend the meeting in person but is on the conference line.

2. INVOCATION.

3. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

Linda Thomas (Virtual), Jason Ray, Dave Spurrier, Keith Honey, Robbie Shoults, Chet Clayton, Robert Messer, John Cloutier, Gary Halbrooks, Derrick Choice, Bill Bala, Larry Morris, Dr Harris, Dan Droge, Corey Floyd, Andrea Williams McCoy, Nathan Preifert, Ben Hamilton, Jim Payne (Jim is a new board member representing Panola County, Sworn in week before. Welcome Jim! Brian Whatley

4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD.

No Comment

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 13, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Motion to approve, Keith Honey. 2nd Bill Bala. Unanimously approved.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT.

Linda Thomas

Everyone is welcomed to the board meeting. Transportation in our state is getting along well. Toll 49 had a single day high of 53,000 transactions on a Friday in May. Houston opened Hwy 288 as a toll road in November. The purpose of the road was opened as a toll road from Brazoria County into downtown Houston. It has brought more revenue as double what was projected. We are fortunate to live in a state that supports these toll projects.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Executive Committee

No Report

Linda Thomas

B. Community Relations Committee

Andrea Williams McCoy

John Cloutier is giving the report today. First, 6 \$500 scholarships are being awarded to the Whitehouse and Tyler high Schools. Submissions of Essays about distracted driving were turned in and the students had done very well

and there were great submissions. The results will be release with much fanfare and advertisement. Second, the billboards are coming, advertising executive have put together for us some billboards and tv commercials. Those are expected in June/July/August in the NET RMA territory. They will be humorous, engaging and fun to look at the get the message out. Mr. Halbrooks asked Glenn or Colleen if he was correct in that he read something about the PR people received awards. Colleen responds he did not. Yes, Haun Public has worked with us just over 2 years and submitted their marketing campaign that they have done for us thus far in reference to using the Toll road and moving transportation forward. They submitted those for several awards, and they received about 4 or 5 awards for their work. We will go over those awards specifically in the next board meeting. But yes, they have already received awards in reference to their work. We are excited for the distracted driving campaign that Mr. Cloutier just mentioned that will come up in June, July and August. There were more than 5,000 agencies that entered, so it is a super competitive campaign. We are excited they are doing great things for us.

C. East Texas Hourglass Committee

Dave Spurrier

We discussed all future segments of Toll 49, both 6, 7 and 8 and topics related to those. At the end of the meeting, it was agreed that the engineers and the staff needed to do more work and that work in underway and there will be another full Committee meeting in July to move those projects forward.

D. Finance Committee

Robert Messer

No Report. Treasury is over 1.5% after 10 years. Last time we met the fees were greater than the interest we required. We will continuing to monitor the market.

E. Member Outreach Committee

John Cloutier

We are going to talk about priority projects. Normally we accept the applications in March, April and evaluate them and give a recommendation about this time, because of covid and other moving parts, we delayed receiving applications until June 15th. We will be sending out the information on the county judges shortly with the new deadline on it and go through the same process we have for the past 4 years

F. Personnel Committee

No report

Jason Ray

G. Project Development & Implementation Committee

No report

Larry Morse

8. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Dianne Johnston begins with Budget to Actual for October 2020-March 2021. Total Revenue is under budget by 4%. She stated that they still have issues with the TxTag transition. That has not been trued up yet, we expect to have more funds coming to reduce the deficit. For the video revenues and fees exceed the budget by 5%. Total operating revenue overall is just under budget by 1%. Total Operating Expenses is under the budget by 15%. Toll 49 Operating Expenses is under budget by 13%. Total Other income (expenses) is under budget by 5%. Total Net Income is Under Budget 21%. Dianne asked if there were any questions. Robert Messer asked if the reduction in expenses is just a timing difference? Dianne replies that yes, we do have some timing differences.

Motion to approve: Dan Droege, 2nd by Larry Morse. Unanimously approved.

9. REPORT ON TOLL 49 TOLLING TRANSACTIONS AND REVENUE.

Transactions for the month of April are brought up in a graph. Dianne points out that on April 2, a Friday, we hit over 51,000 transactions. Our averages are trending up.

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 13.1 WITH ATKINS FOR ADDITIONAL RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES ON TOLL 49. (RESOLUTION 21-07)

Glenn states that they are going to confer this and drawing this into an item for further consideration and put it on the agenda. He was anticipating additional information that is not ready yet and he will present at the same time he presents the WA.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.

Glenn states he is pleased to inform that we are almost complete with sealcoat. The asphalt surface is down on the roadway on Segment 3B. We are in the process of finalizing the stripping. The first shot of stripping will be a water based paint and will not look as bright as you would expect a brand new job to look. We do that for several reasons, and we will come across it with a final thermoplastic stripe that has glass beads and is highly reflective and add the pavement markers back in 2 weeks after the paint is complete. Also, another item is the yellow center line with a reflective stripe. We will have rumble bars for an additional warning and for the centerline crossing.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

1:56PM

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.

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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