



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Gary Halbrooks
DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2025
SUBJECT: **March Board Meeting**

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

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2025
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: NET RMA Offices
1011 Pruitt Place
Tyler, Texas 75703

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

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:30 PM
NET RMA Offices
1011 Pruitt Place
Tyler, Texas 75703

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 Monday, March 27, 2025.

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD.

N/A

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

In Person – Larry Morse, Howard Patterson, Gary Halbrooks, Robert Messer, Matthew Nelson, Marcia Daughtrey

Zoom – Mac Abney, Ben Hamilton, Dan Droege, Andrea Williams-McCoy, Rush Harris, Dave Spurrier, John Cloutier

4. CHAIR'S REPORT.

Gary Halbrooks

Gary Halbrooks – We have about 95% of a committee survey complete that staff will be sending out to board members soon. We can't promise the committee you want, but we will do our best. Please complete it as soon as you can.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

1ST – MARCIA DAUGHTREY, 2ND – LARRY MORSE, MOTION APPROVED

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

EAST TEXAS HOURGLASS COMMITTEE

Dave Spurrier – Our staff and engineering group has been working diligently behind the scenes to move Segment 6 forward. We've got an update today to let you all know that we have scheduled our public meetings for May the 6th at the Tyler Rose Garden from 5 to 7 PM and May the 8th in Longview, Texas at the Exhibit Center from 5 to 7. There's also a virtual online meeting on the 6th. Deanne and others have done a really good job gathering up a large list of contacts that they're going to be communicating with and making sure we have good attendance. We've also submitted a request to TxDOT to be our agency delicate with the FHWA for the environmental impact process. Lochner is working on schematic roles for the three EIS alternatives, so things are moving along.

Glenn Green - We are tentatively planning a Segment 6 Committee Meeting after the Public Meetings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Messer – We are continuing to work on our 5-year projection forecast. We are hoping to have this done by the May Board Meeting. We will send this out to the board to review prior to the board meeting.

7. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Dianne Johnston – Net electronic actual is over by 1%, net video revenue under budget by 1%, operating revenue is over budget by 1%, operating expenses over budget 2%, Toll 49 operating expenses over budget 25%, net other income expense

are under budget by 2%, net income deficit over budget 61%. Questions?

1st – Robert Messer, 2nd – Dan Droege, Motion Approved

Dianne Johnston – As you can see December had an amount of \$42,728, and January is \$36,750 on average. This drop is historically normal. As we go into February, the number starts to add up, and February starts to go up.

Gary Halbrooks – Larry just brought this up prior to the board meeting. We think that this is our highest start to year ever.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE 2024 NET RMA AUDIT REPORT.
(RESOLUTION 25-12)**

Action Item

Robert Messer – In your book, you have a draft copy of the audit. Walter has done all of our NET RMA Audits.

9. Walter Wilhelmi – I wanted to start by saying that you guys do a great job, and we have a really good understanding of the RMA. When we originally started, we relied a lot on CTRMA, but after more audits we're going to kind of report things way we feel like we were very strategic to this organization. I do want to introduce AJ Evans. AJ has worked on this engagement for several years. He's also one of the newest partners of the firm. We are happy to have AJ with us.

AJ Evans – For the 2024 Audit, we have an unmodified opinion issued. The financial statements are fairly stated. There were not audit adjustments or internal control deficiencies. The NET RMA was also compliant with all bond covenants. The total assets decreased by about 1.25%. The current amount is \$345.3 million, and the reduction was due to depreciation. The amount of cash increased to \$9.8 million, but investments decreased to \$5.67 million. When looking at operating revenues, there was a decrease of 1.36%. This is due to a shift more towards electronic toll revenue (76% vs 72%). Lastly, operating expenses decrease by 0.5%.

Robert Messer – Looking at the 5-year projection, we will need to discuss how we handle future projects with our counties. I feel like how we are doing things now is going to starve both our projects, and we will not be able to do them well. We need to make some decisions.

1st – Robert Messer, 2nd – Howard Patterson, Motion Approved

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 6 WITH
HNTB FOR GEC SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FY 2025.
(RESOLUTION 25-13)**

Action Item

Glenn Green – This is the agenda item from last meeting that we deferred as a result of questions on budget. Since that time, I have met with the finance committee and shown them all the different projects that are on the budget. This is just a general WA to move forward with some potential projects. Earl Campbell Parkway is one of them, but we are just the potential glue for the project. There are other projects that are out there that we would potentially help assist.

Robert Messer – This is an example of the work that I was talking about on the last agenda item.

Glenn Green – We need to keep these work authorizations active to keep projects moving forward.

1st – Larry Morse, 2nd – Mac Abney, Motion Approved

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AWARD THE TOLL 49 SEGMENT 3B OVERLAY
PROJECT.
(RESOLUTION 25-14)**

Action Item

Glenn Green – We put out a notice for bids and only received one bid. This bid is more than anticipated. We originally budgeted for about \$6.5 million, but the bid was for \$6,993,994. We worked on the reduction but we found out that the materials that we specified are on the high side. We changed one item on our requirements to make the bid price to drop.

Larry Morse – Is the change order for the spec?

Glenn Green – Yes, and the length that is being redone is 5 miles.

Robert Messer – When do we have to return to this?

Glenn Green – 12 years

Matthew Nelson – What is specification change?

Discussion Ensued

Gary Halbrooks – The reality is, we would not have brought as a recommendation if you weren't comfortable with it?

Glenn Green – That is correct. We use a separate pavement engineer that analyzed this change and cost, and we are comfortable with this.

1st – Larry Morse, 2nd – Ben Hamilton, Motion Approved

Dan Droege – I would like to show I am abstaining since Drewery is a customer of Austin Bank.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 9 WITH H.W. LOCHNER INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE TOLL 49 SEGMENT 3B OVERLAY PROJECT.
(RESOLUTION 25-15)**

Action Item

Glenn Green – Since we did have these changes on our design. I wanted to increase our testing and construction oversight.

1st – Rush Harris, 2nd – Mac Abney, Motion Approved.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

N/A

14. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment at 2:17

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.

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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 must be made during the open comment period. You must be recognized by the presiding officer.

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 presiding officer, 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.

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