



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Gary Halbrooks
DATE: Tuesday March 5, 2024
SUBJECT: **March Board Meeting**

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

DATE: Tuesday, March 5, 2024
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
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 Friday, March 1, 2024.

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD.

N/A

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

In Person – Gary Halbrooks, Robert Messer, Dan Droege, Curtis Rath, Marcia Daughtrey, Matthew Watts, Larry Kellam, John Ray, John Cloutier

Zoom – Ben Hamilton, Mac Abney, Larry Morse, Jason Ray, Dave Spurrier, Andrea Williams-McCoy, Nathan Tafoya, Rush Harris

4. CHAIR'S REPORT.

Gary Halbrooks

N/A

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

1st – John Cloutier, 2nd – John Ray, Motion Approved

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

N/A

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 NET RMA AUDIT REPORT.
(RESOLUTION 24-08)**

Action Item

Dianne Johnston – Introduced AJ Evans and Walter Wilhelmi

Walter Wilhelmi – I am just going to cover some of the administrative side. We did not have any issues obtaining any information we received. We issued an unmodified opinion. This is what your bond holders want to see. In the back of your report, is our report on internal controls. We don't issue an opinion, but we did not see any deficiencies. Any questions?

Mac Abney – Unable to understand question.

Walter Wilhelmi – We did not really have any suggestions, but we did walk through a couple. Bill pay system is great, and we walked through the credit card process.

AJ Evans – We can start jumping into some of the financial highlights. Our total assets decreased by about \$5 million. Our investments increased by \$10.9 million and accumulated depreciation increased by \$1.7 million. Total liabilities decreased

by \$3.38 million. Total revenues increased by \$2.74 million (12.2%). Toll Tags are great, we have a lot greater collectability. Toll Rates increased as of January 2023 which affected this amount. Total expenses decreased by \$290 thousand (1.7%).

Dave Spurrier – I have a question. Can someone give me an update on our debt collections?

Dianne Johnston – All collections are handled by our previous billing partner and our current partner, NTTA. They both use a debt collection agency. This is accumulated.

Discussion ensued.

Walter Wilhelmi – The fact that revenue is being reported all together (TollTag, video Tag, etc.) this will be a benefit. The other thing I wanted to mention is that staff is being good stewards of the money by putting money into the road. Since, NTTA, and BILL all had clean SOC reports. We made no corrections to anything that Dianne gave to us.

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

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Update on Toll 49 Maintenance Activities

We are currently doing some patching and bridge ins to make the joints smoother and ride better. This particular work took longer than expected due to equipment and other issues.

B. Update on Outreach Efforts

Our efforts to restart segment 6, we went to the chamber meeting to let them know that segment 6 was no longer paused. Very similar to what I gave you last meeting. They were very pleased.

Prairie Creek Mainline – We have had issues with our gantry. The data cable is a T-1 line before it ties into fiber. AT&T is no longer going to maintain it. It doesn't mean we will lose transactions, but we are working on fixing it to put it up to the best standard. I will bring more info about cost when we get there.

Jason Ray and Dan Droege has questions about the SOC Audit. The cost will be less than this year, but there will be an additional cost every year.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjournment at 2:18

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.

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 presiding officer may rearrange the order in which agenda items are considered.

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