



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Members
FROM: Linda Thomas, Chair
DATE: October 14, 2014
SUBJECT: NET RMA STRATEGIC PLANNING

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

DATE: Tuesday, October 14, 2014
TIME: 10 am
PLACE: Longview Chamber of Commerce
410 N. Center St.
Longview, Texas 75601
Gregg County

Enclosed are the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions, please call me at 903.509.1552.

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
10AM Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Longview Chamber of Commerce
410 N. Center St.
Longview, Texas
Gregg County

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM and a quorum was declared by Linda Thomas, Chair. Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office, with the County Clerk in Smith County, on the NET RMA website and in the offices of Atkins on October 10, 2014.

2. INVOCATION

Chair Thomas asked NET RMA Board Member and Secretary Dave Spurrier to give the invocation.

3. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members

Chair Thomas welcomed the board members and acknowledged the guests.

Present was: Linda Thomas, Gary Halbrooks, Dave Spurrier, Jack Traylor, Walta Cooke, Hudson Old, Robert Messer, Jeff Sandford, Tim Vaughn, James Harris, Larry Morse and Pat McGill.

Absent: Keith Honey, Robert Murray, Celia Boswell, Mike Thomas, Barham Fuller, Jim Stephens, John Cloutier.

4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD: there was no public forum.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BUSINESS CREDIT CARD (RESOLUTION 14-45)

Approved with revisions.

James Harris made the motion to discuss, Walta Cooke Seconded.

Discussion about whether a verbal approval of expenditures over \$1000 is enough, or if a follow-up written approval (email is fine) is needed, and about NET RMA staff use of the card. This was agreed upon. Motion to revise the wording on approval and NET RMA staff use was made by James Harris, seconded by Robert Messer, and the motion passed.

6. TRAINING AND SET UP OF BOARD TABLETS

Wood Networks

The Board is now set up to transact on tablets, and training was offered on how to use/navigate/etc.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Update on Toll 49: Revenue report given by ED Everett Owen
- B. Additional Issues

Generally speaking, September will not turn out to be as rosy as it looks now, due to the changes in gantry equipment, TxDOT back office and TxTag.

Delivery of revenues are delayed due to these issues. Everything should be on an even keel by November.

Everett Owen also noted that Tom Fitzgerald, CPA, had submitted updated financial reports that are included in the Board efile to be viewed on the new tablets.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

The board would like for NET RMA to be a resource agency to assist and facilitate projects, not develop them. Area Project Champions are encouraged to bring their needs to the board to be put on the table for discussion and selection for assistance. Relationships with MPO's and RPO's, as well as rail resource teams need to be built and deepened so that all can work together on projects.

There is a need for a 5-year plan, to be revised/updated every 2 years as projects come to fruition.

The board held discussions regarding revenue generation being project dependent.

The board held discussions regarding creating a list of strategic partners. The board discussed scheduling meetings with all County Judges. It was agreed a schedule would be set and the board members would meet with their respective County Judges, along with Chair Thomas and additional representatives from the NET RMA.

This keys off of the \$200k that will be invested in projects each year.

The board requested all maps that were in the binders be placed on the website with links. These maps included: US Federal Highway Administration current long-haul truck traffic and future traffic maps, current and future TX peak hour congestion maps, MPO plans, ETX Hourglass map, I-20 Corridor study, I-30 Corridor study, TxDOT UPT, high speed rail maps, I-369, green carpet memorial route and the TX highway trunk system maps. It was noted that MPOs were still in the process of finalizing maps (which accompany their strategic plans). The board decided as maps are updated/become available, they should be placed on the website.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was prematurely adjourned due to a water main burst at the Longview Chamber in the ceiling, forcing an electrical shut down.

BOARD BOOK APPENDIX - COMPLIANCE AND OVERSIGHT

- A. OPEN RECORDS SPREADSHEET
- B. SURETY BOND SPREADSHEET
- C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST SPREADSHEET
- D. TERM EXPIRATION SPREADSHEET
- E. TEC FILING SPREADSHEET

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

- Y At any time during the meeting of the NET RMA Board of Directors, the Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning attorney-client matters (real estate, litigation, contracts, personnel, and security) under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code:
- 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.

FY 2015 Scheduled Board Meetings / Functions

FY 2015 Tentatively Scheduled Board Meetings:

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 1:30 PM, Jacksonville, TX

Tuesday, January 13, 2014, 1:30 PM, Mineola, TX

Non-Scheduled Meetings / Functions - Where a Quorum Could be Present, but No RMA Business Would be Conducted

Team Texas, (dates pending), Austin, Texas.

Texas Transportation Commission Meeting

October 30, 2014 in El Paso, Texas

November 20, 2014 in Austin, Texas

COURTESY RULES

Thank you for your presence. The NET RMA appreciates your interest. If you wish to address the RMA on any agenda item, Public Participation Forms will be available before the meeting. These forms must be filled out and turned in to the RMA Chair or Secretary *prior* to the time the agenda item in question is addressed by the RMA.

You must be recognized by the Chair. (NOTE: Items will not necessarily be presented in the order they are posted.)

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

At the conclusion of all other agenda items, 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. Public comment that does not relate to a specific agenda item must be made during the open comment period.

Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes. Speakers must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period. 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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