



## MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Members

FROM: Linda Thomas, Chair

DATE: January 12, 2016

SUBJECT: January Board Meeting

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
**TIME:** 1:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Panola College  
Student Center  
Frances B Ross Ballroom  
1109 W. Panola Street  
Carthage TX 75633

Enclosed please find the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions, please call K'Lin Noble at 903.630.7447.

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
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Panola County

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**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, January 8, 2016.*

Meeting was called to order at 1:26pm

**2. INVOCATION**

A moment of silent prayer was offered for those in the world who are suffering.

**3. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members

LeeAnn Jones, Panola County Judge, St. Rep Bryan Hughes, Dr. Greg Powell - President of Panola College, Carthage Mayor Lynn Vincent, Brenda Sanford - Carthage City Manager, Charles Thomas - Carthage Economic Development Director, Blake Holland - KGAS and Stephanie Hill – Panola Watchman.

**4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comments

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2015 NET RMA REGULAR BOARD MEETING.**

Action Item

Motion to accept: Robert Murray 2<sup>nd</sup>: Keith Honey

Unanimously approved.

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Linda Thomas

Gary Halbrooks spoke about his experience at Transportation Forum.

NETRMA is well thought of in Austin

Not too many people that Everett isn't connected to.

Linda Thomas spoke about Transportation Forum/I-30 Corridor Study Meeting/I-69 Corridor Meeting.

Judge Taylor was named I-69 Corridor Chair and Judge Lee was named I-30 Corridor Study Chair.

Jack Traylor complimented Chair Thomas on her presentation.

John Cloutier gave a report on Loop 571: it started 20 years ago and was put aside after the east side was done. NET RMA \$\$ helped get it going again and the RMA should be proud and Rusk County is grateful.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tom Fitzgerald

Motion to accept: Jack Traylor 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat McGill

Unanimously approve.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2015 NET RMA AUDIT REPORT.**

**(RESOLUTION 16-01)**

Action Item

Walter Wilhelmi of Prothro Wilhelmi presented the Audit Report, and introduced Seth Huddleston. He explained that all internal controls are very strong.

Motion to approve: Gary Halbrooks 2<sup>nd</sup>: Keith Honey

Unanimously approved.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2015 NET RMA ANNUAL REPORT.**

**(RESOLUTION 16-02)**

**Action Item**

Motion to approve: John Cloutier 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Murray

Unanimously approved.

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF OFFERS TO LANDOWNERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF OPTIONS TO PURCHASE INTERESTS IN PROPERTY FOR SEGMENT 4 OF TOLL 49.**

**(RESOLUTION 16-03)**

**Action Item**

This resolution was tabled to be discussed in Executive Session from 2:23pm to 3:06pm. The board took no action during Executive Session.

Motion to approve: John Cloutier 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Murray

Unanimously approved.

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF UNDERWRITING SERVICES FOR THE FINANCING OF NET RMA PROJECTS.**

**(RESOLUTION 16-04)**

**Action Item**

This is to renew the pool of underwriters. Selection Term has expired (need a Lead Underwriter and a pool)

Motion to approve: Dr. James Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Moore

Unanimously approved.

**12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Everett Owen**

**A. Update on Toll 49**

- Report on Tolling Transactions and Revenue

**B. Update on Status of Executive Director Search**

Search Committee Chair Keith Honey reported that SGR was selected and signed the agreement. They are producing a brochure for the candidates, a draft of which will be approved by the committee. They will then move forward to prepare a list of acceptable candidates, who will then interview with the full board.

**C. Update on Segment 4 of Toll 49 Financing Plan**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm

**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**

- 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 2016-2017 Scheduled Board Meetings / Functions

FY 2016 Tentatively Scheduled Board Meetings:

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – Gilmer, TX (Upshur County)

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

Texas Transportation Commission Meeting:

Thursday, January 28, 2016 – 125 E. 11th St., Austin, Texas

Thursday, February 25, 2016 – 125 E. 11th St., Austin, Texas

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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

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