



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members  
FROM: Linda Thomas, Chair  
DATE: Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
SUBJECT: **June Board Meeting**

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021  
**TIME:** 1:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Videoconference accessible at [www.netrma.org](http://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, June 8, 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](http://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, June 8, 2021 by submitting a witness registration form at [www.netrma.org](http://www.netrma.org) or by contacting the NET RMA at (903) 630-7894.

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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, June 4, 2021.*

June 8, 2021 1:33 PM. Linda Thomas calls to order.

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

**3.**

Linda Thomas, Andrea Williams-McCoy, Cory Floyd, Dan Droege, Dave Spurrier, Gary Halbrooks, James Harris, Jason Ray, John Cloutier, Keith Honey, Larry Morse, Derrick Choice, Robert Messer. Linda welcomes everyone and introduces Marica Daughtery as the newest board member.

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

**5.**

No Comment

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 11, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.** **Action Item**

Motion to approve minutes. Gary Halbrooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea Williams-McCoy. Motion is unanimously Approved.

**7. CHAIR'S REPORT.**

**Linda Thomas**

Linda Thomas welcomes everyone to the board meeting. Linda announces the launch of the Distracted Driving Campaign. Awareness is being raised on billboards, social media, radio and television.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**A. Executive Committee**

No Report

**Linda Thomas**

**B. Community Relations Committee**

No Report

**Andrea Williams McCoy**

**C. East Texas Hourglass Committee**

No Report

Dave Spurrier

**D. Finance Committee**

No Report

Robert Messer

**E. Member Outreach Committee**

No Report. John Cloutier states a committee meeting will be held and information will be provided at the next board meeting.

John Cloutier

**F. Personnel Committee**

No Report

Jason Ray

**G. Project Development & Implementation Committee**

No Report

Larry Morse

**9. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

Dianne states the revised schedule was sent out before meeting. Toll Revenue is under budget by 1%. Toll Revenues & Fees. Net Pay-by-Mail exceeds budget by 8%. Total Operating Revenue exceeds the budget by 2%. Good news! Total Operating Expenses are under budget by 9%. Toll 49 Operating Expenses are under budget by 1%. Total other Income was under budget by 4%. Total Operating Expenses are under budget by 7%. Dianne states that right now we are in timing issues and will provide variances within the next few months. Toll 49 operating expenses were over budget by 1%, extra work being performed was the cause of this. Total Other income is under budget by 4%. Total net income, deficit to the good 19%. Motion to approve financial statements, John Cloutier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Honey. Motion is Unanimously Approved.

**10. REPORT ON TOLL 49 TOLLING TRANSACTIONS AND REVENUE.**

Dianne says this is for the month of May, NET RMA exceeded 50,000 transactions for 3 Fridays, but transactions are down due to rain. Transactions are still significantly more than in 2019. Motion to Approve Robert Messer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Derrick Choice. Motion is unanimously Approved.

**11. REPORT ON NET RMA DISTRACTED DRIVING CAMPAIGN.**

David Gibbs and Kimi Lee present the Distracted Driving Campaign.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FAGAN CONSULTING, LLC FOR TOLL SYSTEMS CONSULTING SERVICES.  
(RESOLUTION 21-08)**

Action Item

Glenn Green States Approval is needed to keep Fagan Consulting through August 2022. Fagan will help transition between CAPSHE to SICE INC. Timeline for completion Summer 2022. Same Terms will be kept in place. Motion to Approve Dan Droege, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Morse. Motion is unanimously Approved.

**13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 WITH SICE, INC. FOR CONTINUED TOLL SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR SERVICES.  
(RESOLUTION 21-09)**

Action Item

Glenn Green asks Everett Owen to present resolution in place of Ron Fagan (technical difficulties). Everette Owen states that all zone controllers are as much as 10 years old and the dated equipment needs to be changed. It will shorten the transition period from 6 months to 2 months for the equipment to be changed out. Details of the implementation plan are given. John Cloutier asks if the bid was already made 6 months ago. John expresses concerns of change orders coming after competitive bids were made. Everett states that Mr. Cloutier is correct that the bid is the same. Ron Fagan states the original plan was a 6 month transition, and the possibility of customers being exposed to two different systems during that time, and it risks revenue. Purchasing these from the beginning would reduce these risks. Ron states bidders were asked to give bids on both scenarios of updating existing equipment and replacing it. Dave Spurrier asks if this resolution will cover everything, or if this will require more future replacements. Everett Owen states that this will cover all equipment, cameras have already been replaced, and this will cover the rest. Everett states there could be future change to classification of vehicles, SICE has a system to deal with these changes. Dave Spurrier asks if we go with this change, there will still need to be an equipment change out regardless. Everett Owens confirms this to be true. Robert Messer asks if the items being swapped out are totally depreciated, or will there be a charge as a result of the change order. Dianne says they will be capitalized, and she will have to look and see if there is a way to determine that. Robert Messer asks if it is a material charge off. Dianne says she will have to look and see if she can make that determination. Motion to Approve Robert Messer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Halbrooks. Motion is unanimously approved.

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF A PROVIDER FOR PAY BY MAIL RECEIVABLES MANAGEMENT SERVICES. (RESOLUTION 21-10)** **Action Item**

Ron Fagan provides his presentation for new pay-by-mail management services. Dave Spurrier The question was asked what the current balance is that we are trying to collect. Ron Fagan states 15 million in tolls and fees. Dave Spurrier asks what type of collection rate SWC anticipates having if they do a good job. Ron states 12% on top end, right now it is less than 6%. Dave Spurrier ask what the low end would be. Ron says at least 10%. Dave asks what the plan is for the older collection. Dianne Johnston says SWC will continue to pursue but will be written off in small amounts over time. Dave Spurrier asks what our average bad debt is over the years, improving, declining? Everett Owen states it has gone down with Cofiroute. The soon we get it to SWC we will see an increase. John Cloutier asks if we have cost per dollar on what is spent chasing bad debt. Everett Owen says we do have that information. John Cloutier asks for a future presentation on that information. Everett states there will be a presentation in the future over all the information for pay-by-mail. Dave Spurrier asks is we are booking the fees and fines as they come in. Everett states the only revenue counted is what is received. Motion to Approve Dave Spurrier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Derrick Choice. Motion is unanimously Approved.

**15. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** **C. Brian Cassidy**

Brian Oreily states this past legislative session on May 31<sup>st</sup> interesting. Bills passed by the Governor are being watched and we will have information on them by Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the veto period. A bill we support, HB2048 that would require vehicles to move over and slow to 20 miles per hour if there is an emergency vehicle that needs to respond to emergency. SB15 was a data privacy bill which would prevent access to driver information, the final bill was favorable to give us this information be able to send out our toll bills. Two funding bills passed. HB2219 that open the Texas mobility fund. HGR99 allows counties to participate in tax increment financing.

**16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.**  
**A. Update on Interactive Toll 49 Map**

Glenn Green states he wishes to reach out to customers that could impact their trip or cause a delay. An interactive Map has been created and can be found on TxDOT.com. Kimi presents the road enhancing webpage. This will help NET RMA be more transparent with what is happening on the toll road. Kimi Lee says timeline for completion is early

July. Closures, road construction is showed as icons that you can click on and receive more information about what is happening on the roads. Glenn states incidents on the road can be reported the same day on the webpage as we take a proactive approach to involving the public.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT.

Linda Thomas thanks everyone for participating virtually. She expresses her wish to one day meet again in person. Linda once again welcomes Marcia Daughtery as the newest board member.

### **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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