



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Linda Thomas, Chair
DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
SUBJECT: **September Board Meeting**

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

DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2016
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: Texarkana College Truman Arnold Student Center, Great Room
2500 N. Robison Road
Texarkana, TX 75599
Bowie County

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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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, September 9, 2016.

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:27pm

2. INVOCATION

Robert Messer offered the invocation.

3. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Judge Carlow welcomed NET RMA to Bowie County, and introduced Mike Burke as a prospective new board member representing Bowie County, and swore him in.

4. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD

Charles Brown introduced himself, but had no comments.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 9, 2016 BOARD MEETING **Action Item**

Amend August minutes to note Steve Helmuth's question.

Motion to amend: Bob Murray 2nd: Bob Messer

Approved with one Nay vote (Hudson Old)

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

Linda Thomas

A. NET RMA Committee Structure

Chair Thomas detailed the new FY 2017 Committee structure as outlined on the graphic attachments. She also mentioned her attendance with Chris Miller at the I-69 Corridor Project meeting.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Messer

Motion to approve: Dr. Harris 2nd: Bob Murray Unanimously approved.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chris Miller

A. Update on Disabled Veteran Toll Discount Program

B. Customer Service Performance Indicators Provided by MSB

C. Discussion on Proposed Customer Service Satisfaction Survey

D. Update on Regional Meetings

E. Discussion on NET RMA Newsletter Publications

Dave Spurrier brought up his issues with MSB and his personal experience and he would like to know more industry standard criteria: is MSB above or below. He noted that their automated system is not user friendly and there is much room for improvement.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee/Audit Committee

Linda Thomas

B. Personnel Committee

Dr. James Harris

C. Project Development & Implementation Committee

Barham Fulmer

40 of 42 parcels are purchased, agreeing on money seems to be the remaining issue.

- D. Long-Range Planning Committee
- E. East Texas Hourglass Committee
- F. Investment Committee

John Cloutier
Dave Spurrier
Robert Messer

Zion Capital Advisors will be utilized in the short term. This is agenda item 17 today.

- G. Facilities Committee

Gary Halbrooks

Office space has been narrowed down to 3 locales:

- Woodgate IV
- First Place
- West Grande

Chris and the committee will move forward to hammer out a lease agreement for Woodgate IV, with follow-up at next month's meeting.

10. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

- A. East Texas Corridor Council

Bob Moore

Not much activity, but Amtrak is changing leadership and that brings hope that there will be movement on plans to increase freight between Dallas and Shreveport

- B. I-69 Alliance Committee

Walta Cooke/Robert Murray

- C. East Texas Council of Governments

Linda Thomas

Multi-Modal in Longview received a large grant which will help Longview Transit/Amtrak/GoBus, said Dave Spurrier.

11. TOLL 49 SAFETY UPDATE

Chris Miller/Everett Owen

There was detailed discussion on median widening, using fixed barriers vs flush medians, pros and cons, costs. The Board wanted to look at what enforcement might cost and how NET RMA might get more law enforcement to patrol the road. There was also a question asking what the cost of doing it all now vs later might be. The estimate was \$10 million vs \$4 million, with discussion about widening bridges exacerbating costs overall. The recommendation was made to use 4 ft flush medians all along the road, except at Segment 3B, where a 2 ft flush median is possible without widening the road/shoulders/bridges. The Board asked for more information on Segment 3B, and Everett Owen advised that a CO for 3B would be in the October Board meeting for discussion, consideration and possible action.

There was a 5 minute break, and the meeting was called back to order at 3:00pm.

12. REPORT ON TOLL 49 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Kate Wilder

Milling and inlay is complete at SH64.

Erosion control is next action. Followed by milling/overlay all other areas, with an estimated completion of Jan 2017.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF TOLL 49.

(RESOLUTION 16-84)

Action Item

Motion to approve: Bob Messer 2nd: Bob Murray Unanimously approved.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 13 WITH RS&H FOR CONTINUED GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FY 2017.

(RESOLUTION 16-85)

Action Item

Motion to approve: Bob Murray 2nd: Walta Cooke Unanimously approved. Gary Halbrooks left the meeting.

15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROCUREMENT POLICIES REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY.

(RESOLUTION 16-86)

Action Item

Motion to approve: Barham Fulmer 2nd: Dr. Harris Unanimously approved.

**16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH FCS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE SERVICES.
(RESOLUTION 16-87)**

Action Item

Motion to table: Bob Moore 2nd: Dr. Harris Unanimously approved to table until October meeting.

**17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR A NET RMA INVESTMENT MANAGER.
(RESOLUTION 16-88)**

Action Item

This is the RFP for an investment manager with Short Term for now, due to Chris Miller's \$50k annual limit.
Motion to approve: Walta Cooke 2nd Barham Fulmer Unanimously approved.

18. PROJECT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Everett Owen

A. Report on Toll 49 Tolling Transactions and Revenue

Chart shows big dip in transactions.

B. Update on TxDOT Deadline for Payment of Overdue Toll Bills

This hasn't happened yet, but is set to start in next several weeks. We anticipate this action to increase activity at all call centers as customers have questions.

C. Update on Pavement Issues on Segment 4 of Toll 49

Increase to 6 inches all along Segment 4. The contingency fund is enough to cover the additional \$3million costs which would include asphalt thickness and base. This is whole design vs traffic projection and % of trucks. The question was asked "Is 6" enough?" and Everett Owen answered "Yes". A request was made for a comparison of the design life of 4" vs 6", pure numbers, to see what we're getting both ways.

Bob Messer and Bob Murray suggested looking into obtaining a marketing campaign to entice drivers, tout convenience, repairs and safety upgrades. Dave Spurrier doesn't want to spend a nickel on PR, but if it's warranted for truck, then he can support it. Barham Fulmer thanked Everett for alerting them this month before bringing it for a vote next month.

At 3:29pm Walta Cooke left the meeting.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31pm/

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.

Tentatively Scheduled NET RMA Board Meetings:

October 11, 2016 – Jacksonville, TX (Cherokee County)

November 8, 2016 – Henderson, TX (Rusk County)

December 13, 2016 – Marshall, TX (Harrison County)

January 10, 2017 – Carthage, TX (Panola County)

February 14, 2017 – Gilmer, TX (Upshur County)

April 11, 2017 – Tyler, TX (Smith County)

May 9, 2017 – Longview, TX (Gregg County)

June 13, 2017 – Terrell, TX (Kauffman County)

July 11, 2017 – Tyler, TX (Smith County) ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

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

Texas Transportation Commission Meeting:

September 29, 2016 – Austin

October 27, 2016 – Austin

November 17, 2016 – Austin

December 15, 2016 - Austin

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

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