GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 18-13

WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01, *et seq.* (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Panola, Titus, Van Zandt, Wood, and Kaufman joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, bond counsel services are essential to the operations of the NET RMA and the future financing of NET RMA projects through the issuance of revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2009, in Resolution No. 09-31, the NET RMA Board of Directors selected Andrews Kurth, LLP as the best qualified firm to provide bond counsel services to the NET RMA and entered into an Agreement that expired on February 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA Board of Directors desires to reprocure bond counsel to perform legal services related to the issuance of bonds by the NET RMA in connection with current and future NET RMA projects and to address issues as they arise concerning NET RMA's currently outstanding bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires that the NET RMA Executive Director initiate the process of procuring bond counsel services by drafting and issuing a request for qualifications ("RFQ") to solicit responses from firms interested in providing such services to the NET RMA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby authorizes the NET RMA Executive Director to develop and issue an RFQ for bond counsel services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NET RMA Executive Director shall implement a process to review the RFQ responses and develop a recommendation for the Board of Directors as to the best-qualified firm or firms to provide bond counsel services to the NET RMA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no agreement for the provision of bond counsel services shall be executed without the prior approval of the NET RMA Board of Directors.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 20th day of March, 2018.

Submitted and reviewed by:

C. Brian Cassidy General Counsel for the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Approved:

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Linda Ryan Thomas Chair, Board of Directors Date Passed 03/20/18 Resolution No. 18-13