

*Northeast Texas Rural Rail  
Transportation District  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday March 9, 2017, 1:00 PM*

*The Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District will meet for a regular meeting and an executive session at 1:00 PM on Thursday March 9, 2017 at the Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County EDC Office, 1200 Enterprise Lane, Sulphur Springs, Texas. The following items will be discussed:*

- 1. Prayer for Board Members Guidance and Inspiration.*
- 2. Call to order/determination of a quorum.(SY)*
- 3. Recognition and invitation to citizens: any citizen may make a five minute presentation however; no action will be taken unless provided for on the Agenda.(SY)*
- 4. Comments by board members, and/or staff or declaration of conflict of interest.(Board)*
- 5. Approval of minutes from meeting on January 11, 2017. (SY)*  
*\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays*
- 6. Monthly NETEX Financial Review, discussion, possible action, approval. (PD)*  
*\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays*
- 7. Blacklands Railroad Activity Report for . (WD)*
- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding the application from Pinegates, LLC/GEUS for construction of overhead power lines to cross the NETEX ROW near Joe Ramsey Blvd and Hwy 69. Pinegates currently has an underground water utility lease that is billed annually.*  
*\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays*
- 9. Review/Update – progress report from Blacklands Railroad on the Sulphur Springs Hopkins County EDC industrial spur into their Heritage Park (Industrial Park) in Sulphur Spring (Wayne Defebaugh or Roger Feagley).*
- 10. Review/Update – progress report from the Mt. Vernon EDC regarding discussions with Lowes and other regional shippers regarding recent investigations into the potential regional interest for a rail transload/terminal in Northeast Texas. (Brad Hyman or Sam Young/Phil Davila).*
- 11. Discussion and possible action regarding the current efforts with Rep. VanDeaver, Senator Hughes, Senator Hall, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Anderson and Rep. Hefner...to support and locate funding for the TxDOT Legislative Appropriation Request during the 85<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislative Session (\$16.0 mil in 2018 and \$14.0 mil in 2019) (PD, SY, GS)*  
*\_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays*
- 12. Adjourn to Executive Session as necessary: (SY)*
  - a. Deliberations about Real Property and Personnel in accordance with Section 531.072 and Section 551.074, Texas Government Code,...*

*Adjourn to Open Session*

**13. Action as a result of Executive Session (Board)**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Motion* \_\_\_\_\_ *Second* \_\_\_\_\_ *Ayes* \_\_\_\_\_ *Nays*

**14. Adjourn(SY)**

The Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and 551.087 (Negotiations).

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**Sam Young**  
**NETEX Chairman**

**STATE OF TEXAS**  
**NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**I, Mitzi Y'Barbo, NETEX Administrative Assistant, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing notice was filed in my office on the 6th day of March 2017 prior to 1:00 PM**

**Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of March 2017 at 9:00 AM**

*Posted this 6<sup>th</sup>, day of March 2017*

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**Mitzi Y'Barbo**  
**NETEX Administrative Assistant**