

*Northeast Texas Rural Rail
Transportation District
Regular Meeting
Thursday May 10, 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 Wednesday May 10, 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 March 9, 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 1st Qtr 2017. (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. (provided GEUS with a lease on 2/15/17. Pinegates has not moved forward with GEUS and the lease has not been executed.)*

_____ *Motion* _____ *Second* _____ *Ayes* _____ *Nays*

- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding a letter received from Sidney Hicks requesting permission to install a private vehicle crossing to and from two properties he owns. This crossing will be located in Franklin County approximately 2 miles West of Mount Vernon.*

_____ *Motion* _____ *Second* _____ *Ayes* _____ *Nays*

- 10. Discussion and possible action regarding a request from the Sulphur Springs Hopkins County EDC to install a private vehicle maintenance crossing and a 6” pipeline under the railroad near the White Oak Business Park East of Sulphur Springs. Both road and pipeline crossing will access a newly constructed water pump station located on Rock Creek. (Steve Littlefield of AK Gillis will present to answer any questions)*

_____ *Motion* _____ *Second* _____ *Ayes* _____ *Nays*

- 11. 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).*

12. *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).*

13. *Discussion and possible action regarding the unsuccessful efforts to secure Texas Legislative funding to rehabilitate the NETEX Rail Corridor. Rep. VanDeaver, Senator Hughes, Senator Hall, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Anderson and Rep. Hefner were the local legislators that were asked to support our efforts in conjunction with TxDOT in locating funding for the TxDOT Legislative Appropriation Request during the 85th State of Texas Legislative Session (\$16.0 mil in 2018 and \$14.0 mil in 2019) (PD, WD and NETEX Board Members)*

_____ *Motion* _____ *Second* _____ *Ayes* _____ *Nays*

14. *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

15. *Possible action as a result of Executive Session (Board)*

_____ *Motion* _____ *Second* _____ *Ayes* _____ *Nays*

16. *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).

Sam Young
NETEX Chairman

STATE OF TEXAS
NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

I, Phil Davila, NETEX Executive Director, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing notice was filed in the office of the NETEX Administrator on the 4th day of May 2017.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May 2017 at 10:00 AM

Posted this 4th day of May 2017

Philip R. Davila
NETEX Executive Director