

*Northeast Texas Rural Rail
Transportation District
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday January 2, 2020, 1:30 PM
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The Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District will meet for a regular meeting and an executive session at 1:30 PM on January 2, 2020 at the Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County EDC Office, 1200 Enterprise Lane, Sulphur Springs, Texas. The following items will be discussed:

- 1. Call to order/determination of a quorum. (S. Young)*
- 2. Prayer for Board Members Guidance and Inspiration.*
- 3. Recognition of guests and invitation to citizens to speak: any citizen may sign-in to address the Board and visitors for five-minutes and time can be extended should NETEX have a question for clarification purposes; however, no action will be taken on an individual topic unless provided for in an Agenda Item below. (S. Young)*
- 4. Comments by board members and/or staff, or declaration of conflicts of interest. (Board Members and Staff)*
- 5. Approval of minutes from meeting on November 7, 2019 (S. Young)*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nay
- 6. Discussion and possible action related to SSHC EDC rail access into two industrial parks under development. (R. Feagley)*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays
- 7. Board Member Oath of Office to uphold the Texas Constitution. (Board Members)*
- 8. Treasurers Report including the close out of the NETEX 2019 Financials and expenditures/revenue since creating the 2019-2020 FY Budget. (N. Barker).*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays
- 9. Status update regarding contracting a CPA to perform the annual audit. (Executive Committee)*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays
- 10. Executive Committee Update on freight-rail operator inquires following STB Docket Postings. (Executive Committee)*
- 11. NETEX status report on mowing Section 1 ROW within the City of Lavon. (N. Barker)*
- 12. Blacklands report on Q4 carloads (Oct, Nov, Dec) and 2019 total carloads by customer [financials will be in the February 6, 2020 Board Meeting]. (W. Defebaugh)*
- 13. Executive Committee Update on salvaging the City of Mt. Vernon returned USED Grant Funding Agreement for utilization somewhere on the NETEX infrastructure. (N. Barker/Executive Committee)*
- 14. Executive Committee Update on TxDOT/Legislators funding progress following meeting of October 29, 2019. (Executive Committee)*

15. *Update on individual Member County identification of NETEX owned property by use of each County's Appraisal District.*

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

16. *Election of NETEX Officers for 2020. (NETEX Board)*

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

17. *NETEX discussion related to the Revenue side of the balance sheet and Carload prospects by County. (NETEX Board Members)*

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

18. *NETEX discussion and possible action related to the General Counsel moving to a new law firm. (N. Barker and Board)*

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

19. *NETEX Board Update related to the Blacklands Railroad STB Petition for Exemption of the Discontinuance of Service process.*

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

20. *NETEX Update related to the Blacklands Railroad lawsuit. (J. Wolf)*

21. *Adjourn to Executive Session: (S. Young), time _____.*

Adjourn to Open Session: (S. Young), time _____.

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

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

23. *Adjourn (S. Young)*

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 above, with respect to and 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, Mitzi Y'Barbo, NETEX Administrator, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing notice was filed in the office of the NETEX Administrator on the 26th day of December 2019.

Given under my hand this 26th day of December 2020 at 10:00 AM

Posted this 26th day of December 2020

**Mitzi Y'Barbo
NETEX Administrator**