

*Northeast Texas Rural Rail
Transportation District
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday March 5, 2020, 1:30 PM
Rev 6*

The Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District will meet for a regular meeting and an executive session at 1:30 PM on March 5, 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.*
- 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.*
- 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 February 6, 2020*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nay
- 6. Treasurers Report including expenditures/revenue since creating the 2019-2020 Budget*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays
- 7. Consider Delta County's NETEX Board appointment of Paul Burt as the replacement for Dr. Jason Davis with possible action.*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nay
- 8. Discussion and possible action regarding election of a Board Vice-Chairman.*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nay
- 9. Discussion and possible action regarding election of a Board Secretary.*
_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nay
- 10. Update by Chairman Brian Lee on events since last Board meeting.*
 - a. Surface Transportation Board (STB)*
 - b. March 15 STB approved discontinuance date*
 - c. Emergency Service Provider in Blacklands' absence.*
 - d. Discussion with Blacklands regarding March 15 date.*
- 11. Discuss operating agreement termination rights of Blacklands and NETEX as it relates to the January 2021 expiration and the March 15, 2020 STB ruling.*

12. Discussion and possible action related to Blacklands/Sabine Werks LLC request to present and provide a formal written sole source proposal to NETEX for NETEX consideration, prior to NETEX receiving written proposals from other operators who have expressed an interest in providing freight rail service on the NETEX Rail Line

13. Discuss the need for staff/Executive Director with possible action to follow.

_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays

14. Consider and possibly approve a budget adjustment to allow for the payment of bills submitted by Phil Davila.

_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nay

15. Consider and possibly approve payment to Jeff Wolf for legal services outside of the scope of the Blacklands law suit.

16. Consider and possibly approve a budget adjustment to allow for the hiring and payment of a 2-year audit by Rutherford Taylor & Co, PC.

_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays

17. Consider and possibly approve contracting with the City of Lavon for mowing services to be paid by NETEX.

_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays

18. Consider and possibly approve the sale of 20 acres of land currently owned by NETEX.

_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays

19. Adjourn to Executive Session: time _____.

Adjourn to Open Session: time _____.

20. Possible action as a result of the Executive Session.

_____ Motion _____ Second _____ Ayes _____ Nays

21. Adjourn

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).

Brian, Lee
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 28th day of February 2020.

Posted this 3rd day of March, 2020

**Mitzi Y'Barbo
NETEX Administrator**