

A Regular Meeting of the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District's Board of Directors was convened on January 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at Sulphur Springs EDC, 1200 Enterprise Lane, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Members present: Chairman-Cheryl Williams, Secretary-Paul Burt, Treasurer-Mark Hutchins, Brad Johnson, Vice Chairman-Scott Lee, Galen Adams, Nate Priefert, Stacy Sears, Greg Sims, Duncan Webb, Mark Baird

Members absent: Steve McCullough

Staff present: Mollye Rosas, Ron Stutes, Attorney

Call to Order

1. Chairman- Cheryl Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.
2. **Prayer for Board Members Guidance and Inspiration.**
Mark Hutchings gave the invocation.
3. **Recognition of guests and invitation to citizens to speak: Any citizen may sign-in to address the Board for five-minutes. Time can be extended should NETEX have a question for clarification purposes. However, no action will be taken, unless previously provided for as an Agenda Item.**
4. **Declaration of conflicts of interest.** (Board Members and Staff) None.
5. **Approval of minutes from meeting on November 2, 2023 meeting.**
Scott Lee made a motion to approve the minutes, a second was entered by Galen Adams. The approval was unanimous.
6. **Discuss and possibly approve Treasurers report.**
Brad Johnson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Stacy Sears seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and passed.
7. **Election of Officers**
 - Chairman-Cheryl Williams
 - Vice Chairman-Scott Lee
 - Secretary-Paul Burt
 - Treasurer-Mark Hutchins

8. Approve resolution to change signers on bank accounts

Greg sims made the motion to approve the resolution to change signers on bank accounts, Scott Lee followed the motion with a second. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Approve procedures for right of way entry requests

Item was tabled, no action was taken

10. Discuss and take action on improvements to rail and/or bridges

Brad Johnson made the motion to allocate \$150,000 to NETC for improvements to rail/bridge repairs, Cheryl Williams then followed with a second and the motion was passed with a 6 to 4 vote

11. Reschedule February meeting

The February NETEX meeting has been moved to Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sulphur Springs Economic Development Corporation.

12. Northeast Texas connector (NETC) Monthly Update by Operator

–Mike Salek gave an update on monthly activities and repairs.

13. Board Member Comments: None

14. Consider Items for Future Agendas None

15. Adjourn: With no further action, Greg Sims made a motion to adjourn, and Scott Lee seconded the motion. Chairman Cheryl Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.

Cheryl Williams, Chairman

Date

Guests Included:

Chris Brown SS-EDC, Roger Feagly SS-EDC, Mike Salek, Amanda Fernandez,

Note:

(1) The next meeting is schedules for Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sulphur Springs EDC.

(2) Any board member wishing to have an item placed on the agenda for discussion or action, is asked to contact the Chairman in advance of each meeting. Items not listed on the agenda, cannot be discussed.