

A Regular Meeting of the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District's Board of Directors was convened on February 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at Sulphur Springs EDC, 1200 Enterprise Lane, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Members present: Chairman-Cheryl Williams, Secretary-Paul Burt, Steve McCullough, Treasurer-Mark Hutchins, Vice Chairman-Scott Lee, Mark Baird, Nate Priefert, Stacy Sears.

Members absent: Duncan Webb, Greg Sims, Brad Johnson

Staff present: Mitzi Y'Barbo, Mollye Rosas

Call to Order

1. Chairman – Cheryl Williams called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.
2. **Prayer for Board Members Guidance and Inspiration.**
Scott Lee 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.**
Roger Feagley, Director SSED, gave an update on the Transload Facility, and gave the Board a check for \$50,000 to repay repairs for the Weaver derailment.
4. **Declaration of conflicts of interest.** (Board Members and Staff) None.
5. **Approval of minutes from meeting on January 4, 2023 meeting.**
Nate Priefert made a motion to approve the minutes. A second was entered by Steve McCullough. The approval was unanimous.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Scott Lee made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Stacy Sears seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and passed. The report showed a balance in Operating Account of \$337,682.72, and balance in Money Market of \$52,065.50.

7. Discussion and possible approval on Membership in Texas Shortline and Regional Railroad Association.

Steve McCullough made a motion to join the association with an annual fee of \$750. Mark Baird entered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Possible Approval on attending the TSLRRA Conference in Austin on 2/13/23.

Chairman Cheryl Williams stated that this event is sold out and will be readdressed for next year's conference.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on attending the Southwest Rail Conference in Hurst.

- a. Scott Lee made a motion to fund attendance to the Conference by Brad Johnson and Steve McCullough. Stacy Sears entered a second and the vote passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and Possible Approval of FY23 Budget.

Mark Hutchins made a motion to accept the Budget FY 23 as presented. Steve McCullough entered a second. The vote passed unanimously.

11. Northeast Texas connector (NETC) Monthly Update by Operator – Amanda Fernandez gave an update on monthly activities and repairs. Report included with these minutes.**12. Board Member Comments: None****13. Consider Items for Future Agendas:** Greg Sims had some items for discussion. A. The NETEX.org website is not working. It needs to be addressed. B. The Greenville EDC has offered to possibly sponsor membership with a rail association. C. requesting cause and cost to repair track in Greenville Business Park. Additional items include an update from Mike Salek regarding the Grant, and appointment of Galen Adams to the NETEX Board.**14. Adjourn:** With no further action, Scott Lee made a motion to adjourn, and Mark Hutchins seconded. Chairman Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

MINUTES. Regular Meeting

02/09/23

NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Cheryl Williams, Chairman

Date

Guests Included:

Amada Fernandez -NETC, Roger Feagley-SSEDC

Note:

(1) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 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.