

A Regular Meeting of the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District's Board of Directors was convened on March 7, 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 January 1, 2024 meeting.**
Nate Priefert made a motion to approve the minutes, a second was entered by Scott Lee. The approval was unanimous.
6. **Discuss and possibly approve Treasurers report.**
Stacy Sears made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Scott Lee seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous and passed.
7. **Approve procedures for right of way entry requests**
Brad Johnson made the motion to approve procedures for right of way entry requests. Mark Hutchins seconded the motion and the approval was unanimous.

8. Approve policy for making board approved payments for improvements to rail and/or bridges

Item was tabled, no action was taken

9. Approve additional \$50,000 for Bridge and Rail repair

no action was taken

10. Approve Expenditure to attend Rail Conference

No action was taken

11. Approve ROW lease and Aerial Rights for Bell Concrete Incorporated

Duncan Webb made the motion to approve the ROW lease and Aerial Rights for Bell Concrete Incorporated. Brad Johnson followed the motion with a second and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Status of past, pending, or possible grant/loan requests for the upgrade to a class 2 rail line

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

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

14. Board Member Comments: None

15. Consider Items for Future Agendas None

16. Adjourn: With no further action, Scott Lee made a motion to adjourn, and Nate Priefert seconded the motion. Chairman Cheryl Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Cheryl Williams, Chairman

Date

Guests Included:

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

Note:

(1) The next meeting is schedules for Wednesday, May 2nd, 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.