

NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District's Board of Directors was convened on October 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Sulphur Springs Economic Development Corporation, 1200 Enterprise Drive, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.

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

Members absent: Mark Baird

Call to Order

1. Chairman Cheryl Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and announced that a quorum was present.
2. **Prayer for Board Members Guidance and Inspiration.**
Mark Hutchins opened with a prayer to the board
3. **Recognition of quests 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. **Approval of minutes from meeting on September 5, 2024, regular meeting.**
Brad Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, a second was entered by Scott lee. The approval was unanimous.
5. **Approve Treasurer's Report for September 2024.** Stacy Sears made a motion to approve with a second of the motion by Duncan Webb. The vote was unanimous and passed.
6. **Update on FEMA Grant Request.**
Cheyrl and Mike Salek provided an update on the FEMA Grant request. No additional questions were asked.

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7. Update on FEMA grant Update on discussions with the Rail Customer and Public Assistance (RCPA) office at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) related to HASA

Cheyrl provided update on calls and Mike Salek provided updates and answered some questions on terms as well.

8. Update on possible funding opportunities through NCTCOG

9. Chairman Williams read paragraph 14.a. The Board will convene into a closed section to discuss: (A) A private consultation with its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation pursuant to Section 551.071 (1)(A) of the Open Meetings Act. Chairman Williams announced the Board to be in Executive Agenda at 2:03 p.m.

10. Return to Open Session. Chairman Williams reopened the meeting for Open Session at 2:58 p.m.

11. Action needed as a result of Executive Session. No actions were needed.

12. Legislative Update

Brad Johnson provided the Legislative Update

13. Northeast Texas Connector (NETC) Monthly Update of Operator.

Amanda Fernandez gave a verbal overview to the Board. Mike Salek shared additional information. There were some questions and comments. There was no action to be taken.

14. Consider items for future agendas

No additional items needed

15. Adjourn. With no further action, Nate Priefert made a motion to adjourn, and Scott Lee seconded the motion. Chairman Cheryl Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM

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Cheryl Williams, Chairman

Date

Guests Included:

Tammy Vinson, News Telegram
Mike Salek, NETC Operator-by phone
Amanda Fernandez-NETC
Ron Stutes, Attorney
Mollye Ham, NETEX Administrator

Note:

(1) The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 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.