

**NORTHEAST TEXAS RURAL RAIL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

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**A Regular Meeting of the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District's Board of Directors was convened on December 10, 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, Chair-Cheryl Williams, Steve McCullough, Brad Johnson, Greg Sims, Duncan Webb, Mark Baird, Judge Cooper

**Members absent:**

**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 November 13, 2024, regular meeting.** Mark Hutchins made a motion to approve the minutes, a second was entered by Judge Lee. The approval was unanimous.
5. **Approve Treasurer's Report for November 2024.**  
Brad Johnson made a motion to approve with a second of the motion by Mark Baird. The vote was unanimous and passed.
6. **Discuss approaching the bank purchasing land and track in Mount Vernon for NETEX**  
Brad Johnson provided discussion on his conversations about purchasing this land and track. Cheryl Williams will follow up with a few individuals and discuss further at the next meeting.
7. **Appoint officers**  
Judge Lee made a motion to appoint the same officers and Brad Johnson followed with a second.

**MINUTES-Regular Meeting.**

**12/10/2024**

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Scott Lee- Vice Chair

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**8. Update on FEMA grant**

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

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

**10. Legislative Update**

Brad Johnson provided some updates to the board on gathering more state representative support.

**11. Northeast Texas Connector (NETC) Monthly Update of Operator.**

Amanda Fernandez gave a verbal overview to the Board. There was no action to be taken.

**12. Consider items for future agendas**

Permissions to buy/scrap rail  
Purchase of property

**13. Adjourn**

With no further action, Judge Cooper made a motion to adjourn, and Mark Hutchins seconded the motion. Chairman Cheryl Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM

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**Cheryl Williams, Chairman**

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**Date**

Guests Included:

Tammy Vinson, News Telegram  
Amanda Fernandez-NETC  
Ron Stutes, Attorney  
Chris Brown, SS-EDC Director

**Note:**

(1) The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Sulphur Springs EDC and is subject to change.

(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.