

A Regular Meeting of the Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District's Board of Directors was convened on February 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the office of the Sulphur Springs Economic Development Corporation, 1200 Enterprise Drive, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.

Members Present:

Chair- Cheyrl Williams, Vice Chair- Scott Lee, Nate Priefert, Stacy Sears, Judge Kent Cooper, Steve McCullough, Brad Johnson

Guests Present:

AB Mauri-Susan Jubela, AB Mauri-Dianne Clark, AB Mauri-Chris Toland, Amanda Fernandez, SS-EDC Executive Director-Chris Brown, SS-EDC-Mitzi Y'Barbo, Attorney-Ron Stutes

1. CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

- Board Chair Cheyrl Williams called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Quorum was present.

2. PRAYER

- Scott Lee led the board and members/guests present in an opening prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

- Vice Chair Scott Lee motioned to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting. Kent Cooper followed with a second, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2024 – JANUARY 2025

- This motion was tabled due to the absence of the board Treasurer and the report will be discussed in more detail during the next scheduled meeting on March 6, 2025.

5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING NETEX TO ACQUIRE CROSS TIES FROM BONHAM EDC

- Vice Chair Scott Lee made the motion to approve an interlocal agreement allowing NETEX to acquire cross ties from Bonham EDC and to give the executive committee the ability to approve/deny changes that their attorney(s) might make. Stacy Sears followed the motion with a second, and the vote was passed unanimously.

6. UPDATE ON FEMA GRANT REQUEST

- Mike Salek gave the most recent update from communication.

7. DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE TEXAS SHORTLINE AND REGIONAL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- Brad Johnson made the motion to approve the renewal of the Texas Shortline and Regional Railroad Association Membership. Steve McCullough followed the motion with a second, and the vote was passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSS AND APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN RAIL CONFERENCE

- The board discussed any members who wish to attend to determine whether their respective counties will cover their expenses. Anyone who wishes to attend is to return to the board with a final decision based on the discussion.

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Brad Johnson gave the Legislative update.

10. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Keith motioned to enter into executive session at 1:56 pm. Nate Priefert followed the motion with a second, and the vote passed unanimously.

11. MOTION TO ENTER BACK INTO OPEN SESSION

- Kent Cooper motioned to enter back into open session at 2:25 pm. Nate Priefert followed the motion with a second, and the vote passed unanimously.

12. NORTHEAST TEXAS CONNECTOR (NETC) MONTHLY UPDATE BY OPERATOR

- Amanda Fernandez and Mike Salek provided and presented the monthly update to the board.

13. CONSIDER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- No items to be discussed.

14. AJOURN

- Vice Chair Scott Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 pm. Kent Cooper followed the motion with a second, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.

Cheyrl Williams

NETEX-RR BOARD CHAIR

Date