GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 11-31

WHEREAS, the North East Regional Mobility Authority ("NET RMA") was created pursuant to the request of Gregg and Smith Counties and in accordance with provisions of the Transportation Code and the petition and approval process established in 43 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.01, et seq. (the "RMA Rules"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NET RMA has been constituted in accordance with the Transportation Code and the RMA Rules; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the initial formation of the NET RMA the Counties of Cherokee, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Bowie, Cass, Panola, Van Zandt, Wood and Titus joined the Authority and are represented on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the NET RMA Board of Directors previously recognized the importance of procuring general counsel services and, on March 7, 2006, authorized the issuance of a request for qualifications from firms interested in serving as general counsel to the NET RMA; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2006, the NET RMA Board of Directors approved the selection of Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP, which is now known as Locke Lord, LLP, to serve as the general counsel to the NET RMA and authorized the Chairman to execute an agreement with Locke Lord for the provision of general counsel services; and

WHEREAS, Locke Lord has not increased the hourly rates that it charges the NET RMA since May 2009; and

WHEREAS, Locke Lord has requested approval for the rate increases reflected in the proposed rate schedule attached hereto as Attachment "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes that the NET RMA continues to benefit from the legal services that Locke Lord provides and desires to approve the requested rate increase.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the NET RMA hereby approves the proposed rate schedule attached hereto as <u>Attachment</u> "A".

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority on the 19th day of October, 2011.

Submitted and reviewed by:	Approved:
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C. Brian Cassidy

General Counsel for the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Jeff Austin/II

Chairman, Board of Directors Resolution Number 11-31

Date Passed: 10/19/11