



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Gary Halbrooks
DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025
SUBJECT: **February Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the NET RMA is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: NET RMA Offices
1011 Pruitt Place
Tyler, Texas 75703

Enclosed please find the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions, please call Megan Page at 903.630.7894.

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 1:30 PM
NET RMA Offices
1011 Pruitt Place
Tyler, Texas 75703

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office and on the NET RMA website and office on Friday, February 14, 2025.

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD.

N/A

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

In Person – Chet Clayton, Jason Ray, Marcia Daughtrey, John Cloutier, Curtis Rath, Dr. John Ray

Zoom – Mac Abney, Ben Hamilton, Dan Droege, Matt Watts, Keith Honey, Robert Messer, Rush Harris, Dave Spurrier, Nathan Tafoya

4. CHAIR'S REPORT.

Gary Halbrooks

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 21, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

1st – John Cloutier, 2nd – Dr. John Ray, Motion Approved

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

N/A

7. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Dianne Johnston – Net electronic actual is over by 3%, net video revenue under budget by 4%, operating revenue is over budget by 1%, operating expenses over budget 1%, Toll 49 operating expenses over budget 40%, net other income expense over budget by 3%, net income deficit over budget 141%. Questions?

John Cloutier – What is allowing us to be under budget?

Dianne Johnston – Right now it is just timing.

Dave Spurrier – Is roadway maintenance under budget or just timing?

Diane Johnston – That is timing as well.

1st – Marcia Johnston, 2nd – Curtis Rath, Motion Approved.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 13 WITH SICE INC. FOR TREADLE INSTALLATION ON SEGMENT 3B.
(RESOLUTION 25-04)**

Action Item

Glenn Green – This work authorization is a result of our overlay project at 3B. This will render our treadles inoperable. These temporaries are required because we have to allow the hot mix to fully cure along with and some other factors. We ran an analysis, and this purchase will pay for itself. Staff recommends approval.

John Cloutier – Will we retain these temporaries for future use?

Glenn Green – Yes, I meant to bring this up.

1st – John Cloutier, 2nd – Jason Ray, Motion Approved

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 14 WITH SICE INC. FOR TREADLE INSTALLATION ON SEGMENT 3A.
(RESOLUTION 25-05)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – There is a gantry there that Mark and his crew will need to do some maintenance one. We will be using the temporary treadles on this project purchased in the project on item 8.

1st – Mac Abney, 2nd – Curtis Rath, Motion Approved

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 5 WITH HNTB FOR DATA CENTER SUPPORT SERVICES.
(RESOLUTION 25-06)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – I did go over this item with the executive committee last week. This work authorization will allow our GEC, HNTB, help evaluate potential projects with Data Centers. We are just getting some guidance to see if we can fit. It is split between 2 years at \$75,000 for each year.

Dr. John Ray – What do you anticipate at this point?

Glenn Green – It is just exploratory at this point. We do have some property that would fit a data center. HNTB is just helping us figure out how we could do this.

1st – Dr. John Ray, 2nd – Curtis Rath, Motion Approved

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 6 WITH HNTB FOR GEC SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FY 2025.
(RESOLUTION 25-07)** **Action Item**

Chet Clayton – I believe we are withdrawing this item?

Glenn Green – Yes, at the executive committee level we had some questions and concerns. We need to discuss this more.

Chet Clayton – Item is deferred.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NET RMA MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.
(RESOLUTION 25-08)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – This is in the budget, and it will replace an truck that is currently in use. The cost is approximately \$89,000.

John Cloutier – What is the old truck used for? And how many do we have now?

Glenn Green – The vehicle will be used to reduce travel on other vehicles.

Mac Abney – How many bids were received?

Mark McClanahan – We sent out for about 6 but only received one bid back. This was a very specific bid.

Discussion Ensued

1st – John Cloutier, 2nd Mac Abney, Motion Approved

**13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURSUE A REFUNDING OF NET RMA TOLL ROAD REVENUE BONDS.
(RESOLUTION 25-09)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – Currently we have some bonds with a call date of Jan 2, 2026. We will have an opportunity to sell and refund our debt at a potential lower rate. We had an analysis run and it could allow us to save approximately 8 to 10 million dollars. We do not have to move forward. This only shows y'all's support. We still have flexibility with this process. As of January, it is somewhat less. This does not authorize me to spend money, it just shows your support.

Chet Clayton – I think this is a good idea.

1st – Chet Clayton, 2nd – Mac Abney, Motion Approved

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF UNDERWRITING SERVICES FOR THE FINANCING OF NET RMA PROJECTS.
(RESOLUTION 25-10)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – We will need a lead underwriter to refund our bonds. This RFP will allow underwriters to bid.

Jason Ray – Will this be replacing anyone?

Glenn Green – No, this is not replacing anyone. It is bringing on a new underwriter for the NET RMA.

1st – Dr. John Ray, 2nd – Jason Ray, Motion Approved

**15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 9 WITH CDM SMITH INC. FOR AN UPDATE TO THE 2022 TOLL 49 COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC AND TOLL REVENUE STUDY.
(RESOLUTION 25-11)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – I am going to ask Deanne to explain this.

Deanne Simmons – The last T&R Study we did was in 2022. In order to do the refunding, we will need to bring our study up to date. This study will use more updated data than was used previously used. It will also help evaluate everything after the pandemic. It has more benefits than just refunding.

1st – Curtis Rath, 2nd – Dr. John Ray, Motion Approved

16. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

A. Reminder on filing Personal Financial Statements

Glenn Green – Everyone should have received a reminder to file your personal financial statements with the Texas Ethics Committee. We only get notified when it is not done.

John Cloutier – They seem very monotonous, but it is needed to support us even though we are not elected.

B. Formation of Toll 49 Maintenance Committee

Glenn Green – This will be a committee that the Chairman and I are working one. This will be a committee that will allow me to address these small drainage issues with adjacent property owners. Chet Clayton has been asked to be chairman, but the rest of the committee has not been established. I just want to make sure I am following the board's lead. We have an issue that is red hot, and Preston McGee has been helping navigate this issues, but I want a board committee to also help guide me.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourned at 2:08

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, IF ANY

- **At any time during the meeting of the NET RMA Board of Directors, the Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning matters under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including:**
 - A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney—Consultation with and advice from legal counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, ongoing disputes and potential disputes, and other legal issues.**
 - B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property—Discussion of real property purchase, exchange, lease, license, gift, donation, and/or negotiated settlement, including property to be acquired for right-of-way.**
 - C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters—Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, reassignment, evaluation, duties, discipline, and/or dismissal of personnel.**

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Each speaker will be allowed a **maximum of three (3) minutes**. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Board members may neither comment nor question speakers during the open comment period, but may request the presiding officer, or a recognized committee, to investigate the subject further. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting.

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