



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Gary Halbrooks
DATE: Tuesday May 14, 2024
SUBJECT: **May Board Meeting**

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

DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: Van Independent School District iHut
250 N Pecan Street
Van, TX 75790

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
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 1:30 PM
Van Independent School District iHut
250 N Pecan Street
Van, TX 75790

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, May 11, 2024.

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD.

N/A

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

In Person – Chet Clayton, Marcia Daughtrey, Curtis Rath, Jason Ray, Dave Spurrier and Larry Morse

Zoom – Ben Hamilton, Dan Droege, John Cloutier, Keith Honey, Larry Kellam, Matthew Watts, Nathan Tafoya, Rush Harris

4. CHAIR'S REPORT.

Gary Halbrooks

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 5, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

1st – Larry Morris, 2nd – Jason Ray. Motion Approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Public Outreach Committee - Jason Ray – We recently met to determine the scholarships for Linda Thomas Safe driving scholarships. We received about 130 applications and narrowed it down to 11. We had a ton of great applicants. We have started presenting checks with about 5 more to go.

Glenn Green – We have all of this on the website if you want to check it out.

Mac Abney joined the meeting.

7. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIALS

Dianne Johnston - Total revenue is under budget by 2%, total revenue and fees (video, net) is under budget by 6%, total operating revenue is under budget at 3%, total operating expense is over by 9%. Toll 49 operating expenses is over budget at 3%, total other income budget is over by 4%, and total net income is over budget by 19%.

Questions?

Matt Watts – Looks like we have seasonality. Do we factor that in?

Dianne – We do a straight-line budget.

Glenn Green – She does factor that when we do the budget at the beginning of fiscal year.

Chet Clayton – One comment. A lot of our budget going forward is based on an increase in rides, but it seems that we are

starting to average out?

Dianne Johnston – I try to factor in all the transactions for the year when looking at the years.

Discussion ensued.

Dave Spurrier – We increase the toll rates every 5 years, right?

Glenn Green – No, it is every 2 years.

Discussion ensued.

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

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2.1 WITH H.W. LOCHNER FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR FY2024.
(RESOLUTION 24-09)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green - With our current expenses, we are going to run a little short. This includes things like the annual roadway inspection, support in drainage recommendations, and more. With all the rain, we are having to address some issues with erosion. I'm trying to give you my best estimate, but it doesn't mean this is 100% accurate. Staff recommends approval to increase funds. One more comment, the way our operations and maintenance budget looks, we should still stay in budget.

Jason Ray – Is drainage the main issue?

Glenn Green – It is a lot of small issues. We have had to get new signs and drainage complaints from property owners that we do not necessarily agree that it is our issue.

1st – Larry Morse, 2nd – Dave Spurrier. Motion approved.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF A PROVIDER, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT FOR MARKETING CONSULTING SERVICES.
(RESOLUTION 24-10)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – We had 7 interest parties, but we had 1 application. We recommend Hahn, and we believe they have done a good job.

Discussion ensued between Glenn Green and Marcia Daughtrey

Nathan Tafoya – You mentioned a big point for marketing is for Tags. Is there a way to combine with other people?

Glenn Green – We operate with all tags.

Dave Spurrier – Do we have a better deal with one tag?

Glenn Green – We do have a better deal with NTTA.

Discussion ensued.

Dave Spurrier – What is our budget?

Glenn Green - \$500,000, all of the details of the budget go through the public outreach committee. They recommend Hahn.

John Cloutier – Marketing is so much more than just tag advertisement, but it's to help improve our image as a whole.

Glenn Green – Yes, John that is a good point.

Nathan Tafoya – The Dallas news had multiple articles on toll fatigue. Do we run promotions around the year?

Glenn Green – There is an analysis in the difference in the cost. We do not do a discount because there is not a mechanism for doing that. Once they violate so many times, NTTA requires them to get a tag if they want to waive the fees.

Chet Clayton – We can't do that cause we can't determine what road they would ride. Also, \$500,000 seems like a lot but it is really only 3 cents per ride.

Dave Spurrier – What is the length of the contract?

Glenn Green – 3 years

Dave Spurrier – Is the same as every contract?

Glenn Green – Colleen monitors it, and it is similar to our other contracts. We have biweekly calls with them to make sure we agree with what they are doing.

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

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF TYLER'S EFFORTS TO SECURE FUNDING TO REPLACE THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITY AT THE TYLER POUNDS AIRPORT. (RESOLUTION 24-11) **Action Item**

Glenn Green – The City of Tyler is pursuing a federal grant much like we have done. This is for the airport control tower to be done for a long-needed upgrade. We have no money in it; we just want to give them support.

1st – Dave Spurrier, 2nd – Larry Morse. Motion Approved.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

A. Update on Traffic Signal on SH 155 at Tyler Interstate Commerce Park

There are multiple partners. We have provided some engineering for a time frame that no one else could do. Lochner is handling that for us. This is just the construction plans for the signal. VIDEO WAS PLAYED.

Jason Ray – What was the acreage?

Glenn Green – 412 acres, this is a big deal. They are asking for funding for widening of 155. There will be a presentation in the future. We would be paid back by the county.

Discussion ensued about how the loan would work.

John Cloutier – Don't we pay the county to patrol the toll road?

Colleen Colby – We are not getting billed for anyone to patrol Toll 49.
Discussion ensued.

B. Update on Utility Permitting Process

Glenn Green – Companies are coming to ask for permits due to the business picking up. This is a process because we do not want it to become an issue for widening. We did have an issue with a fiber optics company coming out and bore a hole to go under the ramp. We had our attorney prepare a letter to cease and desist. We are currently working on the issue. An additional note is that we have streamlined our Cyber Security to protect our information. We are still working on our AT&T issue. Our board member, Mr. Watts, has given us an alternative through satellite to fix this issue.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourned – 2:17

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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OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Board will allow an open comment period, **not to exceed one hour**, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Board, including an item listed on the agenda. Public comment must be made during the open comment period. You must be recognized by the presiding officer.

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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