

**JOINT MINUTES
NORTHEAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2022**

The Northeast Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) Board and the Executive Committee of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the Northeast Texas Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2nd Floor, 105 North Riddle Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as well as, via teleconference/webinar.

Item 1. L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Public Comment.

No members of the public made a comment.

NETEDD Agenda Items

Item 4. The first order of business was to review and consider approval for the minutes submitted for the NETEDD meeting held Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center, and seconded by Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County. It was approved.

Item 5. Chris Brown, Executive Director, presented for review and consideration to authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Design Nine, Inc to provide broadband planning services.

Motion to approve was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

This concludes all NETEDD agenda items.

ATCOG Executive Committee Agenda Items

Item 6. Mr. Brown presented for consideration approval of the minutes as submitted for the ATCOG Executive Committee meeting held Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee, and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

ATCOG Board Agenda Items

Item 7. Mr. Brown presented information on the Executive Director Report. He reviewed the indirect finance reports and explained that the overall budget percentages align with the fiscal year. Mr. Brown provided updates and statistics for all ATCOG programs.

Regular Business

Item 8. Ms. Lisa Reeve presented for review and consideration approval of the submission of a grant application to the St. Joseph Community Foundation to fund to provide training to caregivers and first responders relating to dementia.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. It was approved.

Item 9. Ms. Patricia Haley presented for review and approval of the Hopkins County nomination to serve on the Regional Criminal Justice Liaison Committee (RCJLC) through December 31, 2023.

- Ms. Peggy Wake, Program Director, Lake County, TX

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

Item 10. Mr. Mark Condon presented for review and consideration to authorizing the Executive Director to execute a contract with Traxone, S.A. for the county transit scheduling software for TRAX rural transportation service.

Special Business

Item 11. Mr. Brown presented the 2023 draft budget for discussion. A general overview of the draft budget was given, and the final budget will be presented for approval in September.

Item 12. Judge L. D. Williamson announced the following committee member appointments for the purpose of appointing the Executive Committee members, Executive Committee Officers, and subcommittee members:

- L. D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, President
- Brian Lee, Judge, Tarrant County, Vice President/Chair
- Kent Rushing, Mayor, City of Cleburne
- Roger Norton, Executive Director, Inc. of Texas American
- Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
- Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County

Mr. Brown will contact the remaining committees to set for a meeting date.

Item 13. Ms. Mary Beth Rude presented the Red River Leadership Institute program update. The application period yielded a low response. A request has been submitted to Economic Development Administration (EDA) to revise the RRLI program's strategy to garner further regional participation. The scope of work will remain the same, and funding opportunities will be available.

Announcements

Judge Williamson announced that a Workforce CEOs meeting would be held immediately following this meeting.

Mr. Brown made the following announcements:

- **NADO Training Conference, Pittsburg, PA, October 15-18, 2022. Airline travel will need to be booked by September 15, 2022.**
- **Transportation Summit, Hopkins County Civic Center, Sulphur Springs, TX, October 26, 2022. More information to come.**

- Connected Nation hosting Digital Literacy Workshops, handouts with detailed information were provided.

Lastly, Judge Williamson announced that the next ATCOG Board meeting would be held on September 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at a location to be determined and via teleconference/webinar.

With no further announcements, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. The meeting was adjourned.

NETEDD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Howell, Judge, Bowie County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Scott Norton, Executive Director/CEO, TexAmericas Center
Doug Reeder, Judge, Morris County
Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County

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Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
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Marc Reiter, Mayor, City of Hooks
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County

ATCOG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Fordinal, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Como
Ronald Humphrey, Mayor, City of New Boston
George Moore, Texarkana College
Lowell Walker, Mayor, City of DeKalb

GUESTS PRESENT

Sara Butler, Office of United States Senator John Cornyn
Katie Martin, Texas Department of Transportation
Dan Perry, Texas Department of Transportation
Randy Reed, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions
KiAnn Richardson, Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions
Nathan Tafoya, Executive Director, Mt. Pleasant Economic Development Corporation

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Rea Allen, 9-1-1 Program Director
Chris Brown, Executive Director
Mark Compton, Transportation Director
Whitney Fezell, Homeland Security Coordinator
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator
Melody Harmon, Economic Development Director
Mae Lewis, Housing Director

Toni Lindsey, Regional Development Director
Marla Matthews, Executive Assistant
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Director
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Lisa Reeve, Area Agency on Aging Director
Mary Beth Rudel, Deputy Director
Melinda Tickle, Finance Director



L.D. Williamson, President
Northeast Texas Economic Development District

ATTEST:

