

**AGENDA**  
**NORTH EAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
**(NETEDD) COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARK-TEX**  
**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2017**

**TITUS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**  
**1708 INDUSTRIAL RD.**  
**MT. PLEASANT, TX**

- Item 1. Call to Order.
- Item 2. Approval of minutes dated August 31, 2017, as submitted.
- Item 3. Selection of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)
- Item 4. Acceptance of Agricultural Co-op Feasibility Study completed by Creative Insight Community Development (CICD). ([Click here for study](#); handouts to be provided at meeting) (To be presented by staff member Vickie Williamson)
- Item 5. Adjourn.

**MINUTES  
NORTH EAST TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NETEDD)  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2017**

The Board of Directors of the North East Texas Economic Development District (NETEDD) met immediately following the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, August 31, 2017, at the Titus County Extension Office, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

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

Item 2. Chris Brown, Executive Director, distributed and received appointment of members by the County Judges for their respective Counties.

*Items 3, 4, and 5 were presented and approved simultaneously.*

Mr. Brown presented for consideration election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer positions, to mirror ATCOG's Board of Directors.

Motion to approve all positions was made by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County, and seconded by James Carlow, Judge, Bowie County. All items were approved.

Item 6. Vickie Williamson, Regional Projects Coordinator, presented for consideration approval to proceed in the creation of a DBA, North East Texas Regional Development Corporation, to operate the Community Lending Center (CLC) of North East Texas, administer various regional development projects, and secure funding.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Brian Lee, and seconded by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County. It was approved.

Item 7. Mr. Brown presented for approval an amendment to the NETEDD Bylaws to further clarify the Functions (Section II) are able to fulfill the Purpose (Section III).

Motion to approve was made by Judge Carlow and seconded by A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City. It was approved.

Item 8. Mr. Brown opened for discussion potential membership to ensure representation of the principle economic interests of the Region. Due to the membership mirroring ATCOG Board of Directors membership, it was decided to call all NETEDD meetings to order immediately following ATCOG Board meetings to ensure a quorum. This item was for discussion only, so no action was taken.

There was no other business to discuss, so motion to adjourn was made by Judge Carlow and seconded by Ralph Robertson, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mt. Vernon. The meeting was adjourned.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County  
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County  
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County  
James Carlow, Judge, Bowie County  
Becky Wilbanks, Judge, Cass County  
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield  
Emily Glass, Councilwoman, City of Sulphur Springs  
A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City  
Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks

Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathy Comer, Senator John Cornyn's Office  
Scott Norton, TexAmericas Center  
Stan Wyatt, NET MUD

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert McGee, Chief of Police, Queen City  
Susan Thorne, Member of the public  
Randy Reed, NETX Workforce Solutions  
Kiann Richardson, NETX Workforce Solutions

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director  
Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration  
Mae Lewis, Housing Manager  
Lisa Reeve, Aging Manager  
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator  
Patricia Haley, Criminal Justice Coordinator  
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator  
Vickie Williamson, Regional Projects Coordinator  
April Carl, Regional Projects Coordinator – Paris  
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

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L.D. Williamson, President  
North East Texas Economic Development District

ATTEST:

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