**BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM OF OREGON BECC REGULAR MEETING**

**Date: Thursday, January 25th, 2021**

**Time: 3:00PM – 5:00PM**

OREGON COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

**Agenda**

• Any agenda item may become an action item.

• Any of these items may be a conflict of interest.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Hauth
   1. Roll call
   2. Adoption of past meeting minutes
2. Open Comments
3. Director Comments
4. Chairman Comments
5. Committee Reports
   1. Facilities development - Art Stevenson
   2. Commissaries - Lewanda Miranda
   3. Training/Education - Lewanda Miranda
6. New Business
   1. RS financial relief and restoration payments
   2. Food trucks and charging stations
   3. Consideration of mediated remedies
   4. How to work with the agency on getting the quarterly report accessible for the VFM’s
7. Other
8. Adjournment - Chairman Hauth

**Transcript**

Hauth: Well, it's 3:01, so why don't we go ahead and start the meeting, and [inaudible] join in, we'll [inaudible]. But we'll start with the Board. Hey, Art. I know Art Stevenson is here.

Art Stevenson: I'm here.

Hauth: How about Lewanda--. Hey, Art. Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Here.

Hauth: Hi Lewanda. Lin Jaynes?

Jaynes: Present.

Hauth: OK. Steve...Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yes, I'm here. Hi guys.

Hauth: Hey Steve. And how about Derrick Stevenson?

Derrick Stevenson: Yeah, I'm here. Yeah.

Hauth: Derrick? Hey Derrick. OK. And I'm here also. Now we'll go to the managers. Do we have -- we have Harold Young: I heard Harold on there.

Young: Yes.

Hauth: And Carole Kinney?

Kinney: Here.

Hauth: Hi Carole. Char McKinzie?

Hawkins: Here.

Hauth: Hi Char. Do we have Jerry Bird? Jerry Bird? OK. How about Trevor Garcia?

Garcia: Here.

Hauth: Hi Trevor. Joseph Becker? Shawn Bever? OK. And...who have I left out?

Miranda: Celyn Brown.

Hauth: Have I left anybody out?

Jaynes: Celyn Brown.

Hauth: Celyn Brown? Thank you. OK. Any other people who would like to announce themselves?

[undetermined]: Sal?

Hauth: Alright. OK. And Eric, you're here by yourself, I take it?

Morris: I am here, Randy.

Hauth: Alright, Eric. I think we still...Lin, if you wouldn't mind, you probably already have it pulled up, but if you wouldn't mind pulling up the agenda like you usually do, I'd sure appreciate that.

Jaynes: OK. After roll call, it's the adoption of past meeting minutes.

Hauth: OK --

Art Stevenson: Mister Chair?

Hauth: Yes, Art?

Art Stevenson: I move we adopt the meeting -- the minutes of the previous meetings that we have not adopted yet.

Hauth: OK. Thank you, Art. Motion's been made. Do we have a second?  
Jaynes: I second.

Hauth: OK, a second's been made. OK. Any discussion around that at all? OK. Hearing none, yea or nay, Derrick?

Derrick Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Art?

Art Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Lin?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: Steve?

Jackson: Yea.

Hauth: And I vote yea as well. That motion passes. Thank you very much. OK. What do we have next [inaudible]?

Jaynes: Next is open comments.

Hauth: OK. Anybody like to make a open public comment, please let me know and you can have the floor.

Hawkins: Chair Hauth?

Hauth: Yes, Char?

Hawkins: I just want to say that the Commission is -- I didn't comment last time, and I know somebody brought it up -- the Commission is, as we speak, working on my micro market that's due to open on March 15th, and it's looking good for us and it'll take a lot of pressure off when, you know, we're only doing half the business, then it still takes three people to run, so -- because of the way it's arranged at DMV. And I think that was -- I think that was all I was gonna -- oh, and then thanks, Linda, for sending me the link to the renters' relief, or the [inaudible] landlord [inaudible], so --

Hauth: I will -- I will tell -- I will tell her.

Hawkins: Yeah. Yeah. Thank you.

Hauth: Yeah, I will tell her. I hope that -- I hope that work -- I hope that works out for you, Char. Hey, can I -- can I --

Art Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Hauth: I --. Yeah, Art. Go ahead.

Art Stevenson: Char? Could you--. Thanks for giving us an update on the...on the micro market there at DMV. Could you give us a little update on the new police facility? How's that going?

Hawkins: I have no idea. And I should probably call Teresa, but I don't know if the micro market that I have at the old facility is closing or staying. We haven't even been allowed to go in the building in the past because they don't want us to, so I -- I can't even investigate. So I [inaudible] --

[undetermined]: [inaudible] --

Hawkins: I can give you an update next time, because it does affect some of my business, I think, so.

Art Stevenson: Well, well, [inaudible] --

Hawkins: I haven't heard it was open, but I don't know.

Art Stevenson: Well, no, it is -- it is open; that's why I kinda asked. I just assumed, since the whole police department moved out of your facility, that the agency was working with you on doing the vending or whatever is going on at that location, because, obviously, they're no longer the vending machines that're at City Hall and the police station, which was assigned to you, and -- and so... OK, well, thanks on that, I guess...yeah, I'm up next, so I'll --

Hawkins: OK.

Art Stevenson: -- maybe talk about it as a Vending Facility Development person. Thanks.

Hauth: Hey Char, hey Char, can I ask you -- thanks, Art -- can I ask you just a couple of questions about the --

Hawkins: Sure.

Hauth: -- micro market you're talking about.

Hawkins: Uh-huh.

Hauth: So are you turning -- are you re -- are you requesting the DMV cafeteria to be turned into like a hybrid micro market? Is that what it's going to be, going forward?

Hawkins: Yes. Pretty much. It's kinda half and half. We're gonna keep the coffee cart open from seven till ten, and during that time we'll be helping with that, and then we'll also be making items for the micro market, so...so that'll limit our time to three hours a day, and then the rest of it'll be the micro market, but --

Hauth: Will you have hot -- will you have hot food? Will you have like, grill cooked, but it'll be like a self-checkout --

Hawkins: No.

Hauth: OK. I was just wondering. OK.

Hawkins: Yeah, no, because as soon as we do that, they just won't use anything out there. They'll just be doing what they're doing now.

Hauth: OK. And they're good -- and they're happy with it -- they're happy with that direction?

Hawkins: I hope so. I -- I don't --

Hauth: Yeah. OK --

Hawkins: They seem pretty on board with it, kind of as just one of the necessary evils of COVID, you know?

Hauth: Sure. Sure.

Hawkins: So I [inaudible] --

Hauth: Well, good luck -- good luck -- good luck to ya.

Hawkins: -- later, but, you know, right now we aren't, so. [inaudible]

Hauth: OK, well good luck to ya. [inaudible]

Bird: Randy?

Hawkins: Thank you.

Bird: Randy, Jerry Bird.

Hauth: [inaudible] Hey Jerry. Hey. Hey.

Hawkins: Thank you.

Hauth: Thanks for joining, Jerry. Anybody else for public comment? Let -- let me just share, for those, you know, I know we're still stuck in this, you know, perpetual COVID quandary, and even though vaccines are out, you know, as -- as you see, anybody who watches the news [inaudible], so it's going to continue to be that way for a little while, but the good news, are -- you know, things are headed in the right direction. Gonna be pretty scary to see how our businesses and populations are going to be impact -- are -- are going to be impacted by this, even when we do open up. It'd be a heck of a lot of telemarketing -- or, yeah, that too, I've been telemarketing all the time, [inaudible] you guys want to buy a auto insurance warranty, just let me know, [inaudible] calls. But, again, it's gonna be a lot of tele*working*, so, you know, that's something, I think, if you haven't thought about it, which you probably have, think about it, because, unfortunately, it's going to change the dynamics and income, I'm pretty sure, somehow, going forward. I, over the last two months or more, have always participated, not only in the national chat line where chairs and vice chairs [inaudible] so, across the land, you know, pose different questions and answer different questions, and contemplate different directions and, you know, what we're gonna do and how we're gonna do it. You know, if it's about the twenty million, or if it's about active participation, or if it's about, you know, vending or micro markets...anyway, there's a lot of good information that's shared through there. Also, NABM provides trainings and I believe that not only Lewanda sends those out, but also Kathy Ewing, I believe, sends those out. So if you get a chance to participate in those, most of them are worth the time and effort to do so. I've about participated in, I believe, every one, if not almost every one, and I just spent last week, maybe it was, time flies, but, participating with Sagebrush, on Sagebrush, and it was good information as well. But I'd just like to encourage you all to, you know, keep abreast of that, and keep informed and in touch. And so that's my comment. Anybody else have a comment before we move forward? OK, hearing none. Next on the agenda?

Jaynes: Will be the director's comments.

Hauth: OK. Before Eric starts out, I do want to say that a lot of times, the director's comments have, you know, we've run out of time, so Eric has to hurry through 'em, or not get a chance to present them, and...so forth and so on, so I made a request that the director's comments be toward the front of the meeting so that we can understand what's going on in the program, and it's an important piece of, you know, what we need to know as an elected committee, so. Also, what we tried to do is get Eric, you know, some questions for...you know, ahead of time, so Eric has a chance to, you know, understand what we're looking for. So that's what we're trying to do, and Eric, the floor is yours.

Morris: Hey, thanks, Randy, I appreciate that. Hey, Art, to answer your question about the new City of Salem building, we've been trying to contact the City of Salem; apparently their contracts person has been out on some kind of a leave of absence, so we're trying to chase that down. And I should -- I'm hoping to have an update by our next meeting on that, for sure, but I wasn't going to talk about that today, but it is something that Teresa's been trying to -- trying to hunt that person down. Because, as you said, that building has been built now. I was a little shocked when I was in Salem over the last couple of weeks -- I don't get to Salem that much anymore, but yeah, things -- things get -- continue to get built during COVID, which is, like Randy was talking about, time kind of goes by in a weird sense during COVID. So yeah, we're still chasing that piece of it. I've got about six or seven items to cover, just briefly. I am working on the fourth quarter financial report, so I know we're gonna talk a little bit about that towards the end of the meeting today, about formatting and stuff. We've been having some issues with collecting data in the fourth quarter because we've been switching case management systems. We talked a little bit about that in the last meeting. So it's been a little bit of a challenge. I've almost got it dialed in, but I also wanted to make sure before I put out all the data that it's in a format that everybody wants. One of the reports I was looking at that our new CFO is putting out is the...the year to date -- what do you -- budget to actual report. Now, she -- she's putting it out in a PDF format, which would sound like, hey, great, it's in a PDF format; it's a little, you know, maybe easier to navigate. But it's definitely different -- it looks a lot different how it's laid out versus the way we've seen it for many years, so I'm working with her to get a -- an Excel version of that that's a little more familiar. I should have that later this week, or -- wait, today's Thursday, so I should have that hopefully by the end of today. So I am working on that and I hope to have that to you, if not tomorrow, then early next week to get that -- put a stamp on that and be done with it. Also, in the last month since we -- since we met, which actually feels like a lifetime with the whole...ice storm and stuff. And I appreciate you guys bumping the meeting a week; it was, I think like we were talking about in the beginning here, it was four, five, six days of just not real fun in -- in my neck of the woods. So we're still, as a community, and myself here in my house, trying to get things repaired and damage assessed and stuff like that. But I appreciate you bumping the meeting to this week. That's helpful. Since the last meeting, we, Teresa and I, met with Trimet to discuss the, oh, what do they call 'em, the -- the transit center snack bars is -- they call it something else. They call it "transit huts," is what they call it. But it's basically the whole snack bars that they have at all the different transit centers. So we talked about that. We also talked about their location out at the end of the Gresham transit line that is...used to be a restaurant location, that I think may be, and we can definitely talk about this, might be better suited to a -- a small convenience store versus a restaurant, just because of the community and the stuff that's in the area. It might be better served to have some kind of a small convenience store. We talked a little about them -- we talked with them a little bit about providing lottery, you know, not video -- video gambling, but lottery tickets and stuff like that, like a normal...bodega type of a setup would be, and they were -- they were into that. Their timing is a little squishy about when they want to start looking at changing things over. Most of their contracts for the -- for the transit facilities run until the end of this year, like the fall of this year, and they're kinda staggered. So it's definitely the first discussion in a longer discussion with them. I wanted to get them one of our agreements over to them to lock in the fact that, you know, we don't pay for rent, utilities, and all of those fun kinda things. So that was a good discussion to have with them, and it was...it's interesting that -- they're -- they're obviously in the transportation business; they're not in the food service business, and it just sounds like they don't want to be in the food service business anymore, so. But unfortunately, they don't have any -- they don't have any good data on what sales are like in these different little operations. They basically contract 'em and ask the people to pay a flat rent, but they don't collect any data on sales. They'll have lots of data on population movement, which we're hoping to get pretty soon, which we'll have to take with a grain of salt, you know, maybe over several years we'll get the data. 'Cause over the last year, Trimet's been down, I think, extensively, so. Those were good conversations for an initial conversation with them. And then last week -- I think it was last week; it may have been the week before -- Teresa and I also met with the City of Hillsboro. They're getting ready to open up a new community center there, which would have some vending, but they're also looking at a coffee stand there. I'm a little more hesitant about this location, because they're opening it in stages, so they want some kind of coffee service to begin with, but they're only gonna have fifty people in the building to begin with, but once they get -- I think once we get past COVID, they were talking about, the second phase would be an aquatic center. So there's a real potential there, but it is also gonna be, I think, a little farther down the road before it's anything of a -- a sustainable type of location. But they were super enthused to be working with the Business Enterprise Program and providing, you know, the kind of a relationship between us and the -- and the City of Hillsboro. Char talked about it briefly: we're getting ready to crank up the micro market there at the DMV Headquarters. And I -- many of you, I know, have been there, so if you think about where it's gonna be set up, it's gonna be set up in their dining area, that -- that huge dining room area. So it's gonna be in the corner there where the coffee stand used to be back -- way back in the day. So what that allows Char to do, is she'll, like she talked about, she'll be able to prep food and do things like that, but if all the sudden everybody gets vaccinated and they jam pack DMV Headquarters back with people, then we're not gonna tear down the cafe or any -- the cafeteria or anything; we'd be able to open that part back up if we needed to. So it gives a lot of flexibility there. So that's getting real close. Staff has been working hard on getting all the marketing materials done for that, and working with Char to get the system up and running, getting ready to go. Harold's also talked about doing the same thing in Employment, so Harold's next on the list. And I -- I'm not sure of the exact targeted date for Harold's, but I know we have the kiosk and stuff like that for Harold's at the Employment building. And then, I'm just going through my list here, we're gonna talk about the federal aid program, the federal twenty million dollars, today. I know we're gonna talk about that probably pretty extensively. Staff have been working, spending a lot of time on this new case management system we're onboarding, the Aware system, which is, I think, gonna be a better program overall. It's much -- much more updated and much more -- much easier to navigate, but it's -- it's also taken a lot of time to onboard it, like any new technical system. It just takes time to get used to and time to get up and running. So I've been spending some time recently trying to extract the data that I normally provide you guys on a quarterly basis from the Aware system, and it's been a little bit of a struggle. Just making sure that it's putting out the right information -- or, accurate information. A couple -- last two things -- a couple things to contemplate for our next meeting, and I'll obviously queue this up for the next meeting. We've deferred set-aside collection through the first quarter, March -- if you can believe it, we'll be at the end of the first quarter, so we'll wanna talk about that at our next meeting. And we'll also talk about, and I should have some good figures...I'm trying to think...by end of March, I may have all the figures where we could start talking about the next issuance of COVID relief from the set-aside account, from unassigned vending. So those two topics, I'll obviously put on my list for next month, but just to put that in the back of everybody's minds. And that is what I have today. I'm sure I'm forgetting something, but that's what I wrote down, and obviously, if there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer 'em.

Hauth: Well, I was going to start, but any questions from the Board members themselves? And then if there's any questions from the vendors. But do any Board members have any questions?

Jackson: Steve Jackson's got a question.

Hauth: Steve, go ahead.

Jackson: It's probably not a fun topic, but I was wondering if Eric brings up to the Committee of the Trimet, or -- as well as the Hillsboro Community Center, do you ever talk about, before you give them the contract, that blind managers do not pay rent and don't pay electricity? 'Cause that -- is that a shock? Like, I'm just curious, 'cause you're talking about, you know, getting data later down the road. Are you upfront with that? Do you tell them that?

Morris: Yeah. Yeah, Steve, that's one of those things that, you know, we talk about it at a high level, but sometimes people don't always -- 'cause our program is unique in a lot of different ways, and that's one of them. But I -- we talk about it, but I always want to make sure they have it in writing, so that they can't say, "Well, we never saw that." So that's why I always like to get 'em a -- a copy of our agreement ahead of time, so that they -- they don't just -- you know, some people hear what they wanna hear during discu -- discussions. So that way, they have it in writing; we have an understanding about it.

Hauth: OK. Any -- any other questions?

Art Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: Yes, Art?

Art Stevenson: Yeah. You have any surveys done on those locations, Eric?

Morris: On the -- on the Hillsboro and the Trimet stuff, Art?  
Art Stevenson: Yeah.

Morris: Yeah, I believe we do. I have an email from Teresa with her site surveys from January that I need to push out. I just haven't got through, frankly, all of my emails from last week, so I'll get that pushed out to the Elected Committee either tomorrow or early next week.

Art Stevenson: Oh. Site surveys from January?

Morris: I believe that's what they are, yeah.

Art Stevenson: And -- and --. O -- OK. OK. Well, we're almost at the end of February, so I was just curious about that. And is there any problems with, as soon as you get them from Teresa, just automatically pushing them out to the Elected Committee? Or at least pushing them out to me, being the Vending Facility Development Chair, and then I can make sure the rest of the people get it on the Elected Committee?

Morris: Yeah, Art, I can --

Art Stevenson: Whichever way you want to do it.

Morris: I can do that, Art. Yeah.

Art Stevenson: Yeah. OK. And then, concerning the police -- the new police building, you know, it's been open for at least a month, month and a half. And -- and I just wondered what is the delay...I mean, first of all, we knew about that building being built, and obviously, we've worked with the City on an ongoing basis, and so I just -- what -- can you elaborate a little bit on -- on what the problem is as far as having contact with them, or getting any answers with them, or any of that kind of stuff? 'Cause we've been working with City of Salem forever.

Morris: Yeah. You're right, Art: they -- we have been working with them for quite a while. They haven't always been super...I think "happy" is a good way to describe it, in their relationship with the Commission. The last time I got an update from Teresa, and I believe that was...today's Thursday, that was either earlier this week or last week when we talked about it, was that she was trying to get a hold of their contracts person, like I said before, who'd been out on some type of a leave and wasn't returning phone calls. So we're trying to chase them down; not sure what else the delay is, but we'll definitely stay on it.

Art Stevenson: OK. So...as far as that goes, then, you know, the City of Salem actually did not contact you guys, you know, you know, as the law requires, the vending -- vending the --. OK. Well, that answers my question. So the person is now back from...from their hiatus? Is...

Morris: I be -- I believe that's what I was told. I believe that's what Teresa told me, Art. But I'll follow up.

Art Stevenson: OK. Yeah. 'Cause if there is any problems I'd like to know, 'cause I know the mayor, and will -- will get this -- this nipped in the bud, because in all actuality, you know, when a new building is built, according to the new law, you know, they're supposed to let us know. And obviously, either one -- either one -- one of two things happened: either we dropped the ball, or they dropped the ball. And I want to make sure that that, you know, doesn't happen. In fact, it's a lot better when they're building a building, and I just assumed that we were, you know, working with them on making sure the appropriate electricity was there and everything, because, I mean, the city police have had vending at that location forever, so. OK, well, that answers the question, so I'll look forward to hearing from you guys as soon as possible, 'cause I cannot imagine that location not having vending machines already. And we should be operating them. Either that, or, well, it's probably too late to put in a micro market, which would be probably a little bit better, but that's another story. OK, thanks, Eric.

Morris: Thank you, Art.

Hauth: Any other questions? OK. I -- I have a couple of comments, Eric. So I'm not sure all the particulars; Char talks about her access not being allowed into that particular facility.` I'm not sure if Char was talking about the city building where she has the micro market or the new building, but whatever the agency can do, and I know -- I recall hearing that, for whatever reason, Char had been denied access to, you know, several of her locations in the past, and so hopefully...hopefully, that can get resolved with the agency's assistance on that. 'Cause if that is accurate, that should never happen. And the other thing is, as far as Hillsboro, I do know, because that was the first location I'd ever been at, that's been years and years ago, but I do know that the -- I think the Public Service Building there, for a number of years, has had a sighted coffee kiosk, coffee cart, in the main entryway. And I'm sure, I know we touched on it a few years back, and I don't think anything ever happened with it, but hopefully, as you work forward with these folks, it's not just something that they want to, you know, continue that dynamic going forward, so. And I think that was -- I think that was just a few things I wanted to throw out there, so.

Morris: OK. Thank you, Randy.

Hauth: OK.

Bird: Randy?

Hauth: Anyone else? Yes, Jerry?

Bird: Yeah. Is it vendors? Any -- any more --

Hauth: Yes. Yes. Yes, go ahead, Jerry.

Bird: OK. I just got a quick question I thought about, is on legislature. Hoping Eric can talk about this. I can't remember which airport it was that was trying to go get exempted, you know? What's going on there? And -- and what -- what is this agency, the BEP program, doing to convince legislators that people just can't come in and ask for exemption on everything we try to do? I mean, I don't know if it's just, "Oh well, just let 'em keep coming in; when they're -- when they're done, we don't have anything again. Well...I dunno." So I -- I'm wondering what's going on there, and what efforts is Commission for the Blind doing to convince legislature to put a stop to it. Thank you.

Morris: Jerry, thanks for the questions. I'm trying to remember...I believe it's county airports that are asking for the exemption in the -- is it 3055, I think is the bill. I believe it was county airports, but I'm -- right this second, I'm at a loss to remember which county. If that was -- it's not Lane County; I want to say it's -- it's not Medford County, it's the county -- Jackson County down in -- in Medford, I believe. But don't hold me to that. But I think it was just one airport that was impacted. It's been a little while since I looked at that. When it comes to convincing legislators and stuff, state agencies are prohibited from going in and lobbying and -- and basically saying, hey, you know, we don't -- we don't want this. We can provide information if -- if we're asked to provide information, but we can't actively go out and lobby and say, you know, this or that or the other thing, 'cause it's not -- state agencies aren't -- just aren't supposed to do that. So as much as, I think, sometimes we'd like to on certain topics, it's -- it's just not allowed.

Bird: Well, I'm not talking lobbying. I mean, that's -- that's a whole different story. But I know Administrator Dacia goes and visits with 'em all the time, even when we was passing these things and discussed many, many meetings with legislatures on yeses and nos and what's best for us. I'm not talking that, you know, you should go down and say, "Hey, we -- we're lobbying. 'Cause we're state, you need to --." I just can't see how you can just stand by and not actually --. I dunno, maybe I'm wrong and there's just nothing to be done, these people, legislators, are just on their own to decide to exempt 'em or not, it sure looked like a different situation when we [inaudible] you changed these laws in our benefit and they got all turned around. I'm confused, but it's just -- it's just gotta be something we gotta watch out for, 'cause like we say, it's just gonna keep going. Every time we want something that's under our -- our preference -- no, I mean our priority, they'll just get exempt, so...

Morris: Well, Jerry --

Bird: Anyway, thanks.

Morris: And Jerry, it's not a bad thing to say you're confused about it, 'cause I -- frankly, it can be confusing sometimes. I think the thing to remember is that, you know, as -- as participants in the program and people who, you know, are just residents of Oregon, you are more than, you know, able to contact representatives and say, hey, this is how I feel about statutes. I mean, I -- I think most people on the call know that. Obviously, if the legislature -- if specific legislators contacted the agency and said, hey, what's the -- what's the Business Enterprise Program think about x, y, and z, whatever we're talking about, like when we talked about the convention center and stuff like that a few years ago when they were trying to get that carved out. You know, we were able to provide information to say, hey, this is the impact, this is what to do for the program, this is what it's gonna do if we don't get it. So, but yeah, definitely, as participants in the program, there's nothing wrong with you guys contacting your legislators and saying, hey, we -- we're not -- we're not fired up about this. 'Cause like you said, I think people are able to convince, you know, certain people that, hey, we want an exception -- exemption. And that's...seems to be happening, well, kind of frequently. It seems like every time we have a legislative session, so.

Hauth: Eric? Can I ask you, so how does this bill impact our program? I know -- I know a while back there was, you know, I think some subcontractors that were in the Medford Airport that were paying money into the agency. And I'm not sure, that was, I think, gosh, a couple years ago, or a year and a half ago, or whatever. I know Art and -- Art and I and maybe Lewanda found it out when we were in a hearing when representatives from Jackson County came to do a presentation, but right now, how is this bill, if it's successful and it excludes those county airports --

Morris: Yeah, I don't think it's gonna --

Hauth: -- how is that impacting us?

Morris: I don't think it's gonna have much of an impact, Randy. 'Cause I think, as I'm trying to remember the bill, if it's just Jackson County, then, you know, it's just one little airport. They went out to -- did an RFP and were trying to basically get around things a few years ago, as you were talking about. And the -- the relation -- relationship with them before was really a strange one where they were -- they were paying some commission, but it was -- it was just a strange setup, as I remember it. But overall, I think, you know, it's not gonna have that much of an impact on the program at all, but the bigger impact is like Jerry talks about, where it seems to be more of a trend. Now, I can't think of the next group that would come in and say, hey, we want to be except -- except -- be an exemption from the law, but...you know, I -- I'm sure there's somebody out there. But it does seem to be more politically, you know, possible, where a few years ago, I wouldn't have thought it was possible at all until like...Metro teed things up, so.

Hauth: OK. Yep. [inaudible] --

Art Stevenson: Am I off mute, Randy?

Hauth: You are.

Art Stevenson: So...so my reading of that is municipal airports, that they're talking about, the airports, the smaller airports like...say...I guess that would include Hillsboro and I know there's an airport in Grants Pass. Now, my reading of the laws, I mean, of that law, is excluding those municipal airports. Now, it seems to me that there must be some vending already out there, and that's why they're looking for an exclusion, and so Eric -- Eric, obviously, if -- if that's the case, and there is vending, we do have the priority, and obviously we should be getting the money from it, at the very least. And so can you check into that and see if there is -- or have Teresa check into that, and see if there are vending machines like out -- out in the -- I mean, the closest one would probably be, like, the Hillsboro Airport. But if there are existing vending machines, obviously, we should be getting the money from that, and I would...I mean, if they're gonna try to exclude theirselves and they're collecting money from it, then obviously they are breaking state statutes by not informing you, and all that kinda stuff. And so we're losing money, so will you check into that? And -- or have Teresa check into that? And then give us a report if there are existing vending machines that we're not -- haven't been notified? Or...aren't receiving the monies from?

Morris: Yeah, I can do that, Art. I think, just as a FYI, I think the -- if I'm remembering correctly, the Hillsboro Airport is part of the Port of Portland, I think. 'Cause it seems like I looked at that before. But yeah, we can definitely do that, and I'll -- I'll also get a report back to the committee.

Art Stevenson: I don't know. But I -- I do know there's a lot of municipal airports all over the state of Oregon, and if they do have vending machines, obviously, in accordance with the law, they're supposed to notify us and allow us to do it and stuff. And so that's -- it would be good if you would check into --. OK, thanks.

Morris: Will do.

Art Stevenson: I've said enough.

Hauth: OK. Anything else before we move on to the next topic? OK, what do we have next, Lin?

Jaynes: Next up is Chairman comments.

Hauth: Well, I really don't, you know, I don't have any comments. I make my comments through the...through the meeting, as, you know, things strike me, so I'll save time and we'll just move forward.

Jaynes: OK. Next on the agenda are committee reports. The first is facilities development: Art Stevenson.

Hauth: OK.

Art Stevenson: O -- OK. Well, I do want to definitely start having a Facilities Development Committee meeting again on a regular basis, at least bimonthly. Eric has said he is going to start providing us with all the surveys that are getting done, which is a good thing. And so I do believe that we should be fully engaged and involved in -- in facility development. You know, obviously, we're not in the new city police station here in Salem, and so I do feel we need to -- I feel like the ball has been dropped, so I believe we as the Elected Committee have [inaudible] for a certain reason, and we need to start getting on top of it. And so, but, I -- I think that would really be helpful. And then, Eric, I also believe, you know, you and Teresa have, you know, like you said, met with those people; I do believe that, you know, it might not be a bad idea if the -- if, at all possible, when we have time, that we get to be involved in these meetings also. And -- and so, we can give our experience and expertise, you know, in the development and the decision-making -- major decision-making process of what we're gonna do with these locations, and how we're gonna do it. So anyways, that's my comments right now, Randy, and I'll be in contact with Eric, and hopefully have a strategy and an understanding how the Elected Committee and the Vending Facility Development Committee wants and needs to be involved in -- in -- in our program. OK. That's my report, Randy.

Hauth: Thank you. Thank you. Thanks. Thanks, Art. It's obviously really, really important, as we, you know, as most of us know, and I know, kinda been, sometimes, in my opinion, kinda been at loggerheads here for the last two or three years when it comes to developing facilities. I think the agency has felt that. Oh, I think they've even said in the -- in their responses to us by motions that, hey, it's only one location, so you guys aren't allowed active participation. I think the push with -- by RSA and, you know, the...oh, the outreach by them as far as the technical assistance, to agencies on really what active participation is, and hopefully with a renewed desire by the agency to be able to work with us on these important matters, we'll get everybody back to the table and do what's best for the program, and that is putting blind people to work, and -- if there's facilities. So I'll support you in whatever way I can, Art and Eric, so. OK, anything else. What -- what do we have next? What report, Lin?

Jaynes: Alright, the next two items on the agenda will be Miss Lewanda Miranda. The first one'll be commissaries.

Hauth: OK, Lewanda.

Miranda: OK --. Hi, Chairman Hauth. OK, I've already discussed this with Chairman Hauth, but I've been working on the commissaries with Malinda Smith from Tennessee, 'cause she runs her own commissaries. And I haven't received all of the -- the information that I've requested yet, so I would like to ask permission to table this until the next meeting.

Hauth: Oh, sure, sure. I mean, we're -- we're -- we're good. I mean --.

Miranda: OK.

Hauth: You don't -- you -- I appreciate you asking permission, but if you're not ready, you're not ready, and we'll get it, you know, I mean, we'll get it -- I know it's a lot of work trying to get a hold of people, and...

Miranda: Well, when I --

Hauth: Yeah, and we did talk about it, so I was aware.

Miranda: When I did the agenda, I thought -- I thought that I would have that other information, but I haven't received it.

Hauth: Yeah, no worries.

Miranda: I'll have to push harder next time. OK, so next --

Hauth: Let me -- let me -- let -- let me just -- let me just say, Lewanda, you know, I do think the commissary, as I know Art has mentioned a bunch, and Jerry, and I, and others, I do know the commissary is really, really an important piece of our success in the growth of our program going forward, and I do think there is a way to do this without displacing the jails or getting the jails at odds with us --

Miranda: Right. [inaudible]

Hauth: -- like -- yeah, like what's -- Vend Engine has said, they do have, you know, pathways to be able to do that; they can provide, through a partnership with the agency, you know, great results. So, you know, that's -- that's hopefully what, at the end of the day, we'll be able to, after all your hard work, we'll be able to get a pathway to work with the agency and maybe start identifying some of these opportunities instead of -- I think with Dacia, you know, Director Johnson, a while back, when we were saying, hey, lookit, the agency had made this a commitment in their strategic plan: they said, we're gonna go out and get commissaries, but then in, I think, one of the -- one of the reports, I saw her respond to, well, it was like, gosh, we can't go after these because people might come after us. And that's not a healthy way to, in my opinion, not a healthy way --

Miranda: No.

Hauth: -- to look at it, so. Hopefully we can find some common ground, and so thank you. Go ahead.

Miranda: OK. And next is training and education. And Randy, you covered that a little bit earlier, about the training that's being provided via Zoom. And that is very important because, as you all know, we -- we have to get those three credits in in order to bid on anything for the year, so I wasn't sure if we were going to have that for during COVID, but we are. So we need to make sure. So that brings me to my question about Spring In-Service: if we should have our Spring In-Service. I know the Fall In-Service is mandatory because we have to do our -- our elections, and Spring In-Service isn't. However, it would help us with those three credits, and there are things that we need to work on with the agency, and I'd like to talk to Kathy about it, if you guys want a Spring In-Service. If -- if you do, then I would like to receive, you know, from the -- recommendations from the managers, like -- like the last time. I think we had a really good in-service in the fall, and I'd like to have a spring one like that. But I would like to work on accessible formatting, for the managers, and work with Kathy on that and see if there isn't some way that we can do that. So what do you guys think about having a Spring In-Service?

Hauth: Hey, Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: So, maybe -- we can hear from other people, but maybe you -- maybe you work with Kathy on sending out a -- a survey to people: hey, do you wanna have a -- do you wanna have an in-service? I mean, they're pretty easy to -- and I don't -- I don't mean "easy" by it doesn't take any work, but, you know, without traveling and doing them by Zoom. I know there's still a lot of work, but they're easier than trying to, you know, travel and lodge everybody, so. And I think one of, you know, one of the topics you mentioned was accessibility, and, you know, it sounds to me like the agency is willing to get those things resolved, so let's find a couple of things that we can work on. Maybe it's the commissary program and maybe it's accessibility or whatever. I mean, that's just my thoughts. I'm, you know, I'm all for it.

Miranda: Alright. I will talk to Kathy.

Hauth: I don't know what other people think, so.

Derrick Stevenson: This is Derrick.

Hauth: Derrick, go ahead.

Derrick Stevenson: Yeah, I -- I think when we were working on the rules and we -- we were deciding to put in those things, that it was pretty understood that -- that Spring In-Service and Fall In-Service were -- were gonna be big contributors to fulfilling our thing, so if we, you know, us taking away Spring In-Service would definitely make it harder on the managers to fulfill their -- their obligations for their training.

Hauth: Sure.

Miranda: I agree with Derrick.

Hauth: Yep. Good point. OK, anybody else before we move on? Alright, Art and Lewanda, thank you very much for that. So what do we have next, Lin?

Jaynes: Next is under new business. The first item is RS financial relief and restoration payments.

Hauth: OK. Eric, I don't know if -- you know, I have some information; I know you have some information, but...I'm happy to have you head this up if you'd like to, and then we can have questions or comments or whatever, so.

Morris: Yeah, Randy, that -- that's fine. Well, I think we've -- we've talked about it a little bit, or maybe a lot, depending on the issue, but essentially, the...Congress, back in...it feels like years ago, but it was just December, passed a twenty million dollar relief fund for the Business Enterprise Program nationwide. And so that prorated out to, I think, 11,900 dollars per manager, that was on the RSA-15 report in 2019. So long story short, we're gonna get 179,171 bucks, is what the -- the feds have said. So the discussion we need to have is, how do -- how do we want to distribute that to the -- the -- the Vending Facility Managers that were active during the calendar year of 2020? And I emphasize calendar year because they talk about calendar year, and when you're talking with the federal government or the state government, we never talk about calendar year, but for this purpose, it is for calendar year 2020. And only those managers who were actively assigned to a location are to be included. It was the -- some of the details in there. So, you know, there's -- and -- and I wish the feds would've just said, hey, here's how it's gonna be done, but they're leaving it up to each state to determine the best practice for how -- how it should be distributed to the vendors that qualify. So I think a couple weeks ago, I sent this notice out to you guys saying, hey, this is kinda what I just spitballed and said hey, there's a couple different ways you could do this. You could say, everybody gets the same amount: that 11,900 -- I think it's eleven thousand...eleven thousand and some change was that figure that they're -- they're gonna disperse it at. But looking at losses -- and what I did is, like Jerry recommended in his email today, I just took 2019 net incomes and compared 'em to 2020 net incomes, and it was pretty easy to figure out, you know, what people's losses were. We do have a cou -- at least one manager that just finally got their fourth quarter reports in, so the -- the figures and stuff, or percentages that I've been talking about, could fluctuate a little bit, 'cause somebody's losses could be more than I'd anticipated, but there's some people out there that I don't believe had almost 12,000 dollars in losses. A -- a vast majority of people did, but if we said, if the committee said, hey, we think it's best to just give everybody the same amount, not everybody's gonna have losses due to COVID that were, you know, more than the elev -- let's just call it 12,000 dollars. So then we would have money left over. And ultimately, we want to dis -- disperse the money out to the vending facility managers. But there's -- there's provisions from the feds that it's like, if you have money left over, you could use it for set-aside, but that's -- that's not what the agency wants to do. So the discussion we need to have today is what -- what's everybody, from a consensus point of -- what do we all think is the best way to do it? And I -- I -- I've thrown out what I think of some different options, but I'm not vested in any of the options I put out. It's just a -- it's basically a -- a story problem of how do you calculate it and how you wanna -- well, what everybody thinks is best.

Hauth: Yeah. And thank you, Eric, thank you for that. And I want to say thank you for, you know, a week or so ago, kinda sending out, you know, what your thoughts are. Let me just share with you from my perspective what I've been learning on these different calls and what I've been seeing on the different chat lines. And first and foremost, I give credit to Terry Smith and Nicky Gacos through NABM and, you know, for -- for pushing this initiative and lobbying for this. They even said that, lookit, it didn't turn out exactly like we wanted; we wanted more money. Really it became kind of a little bit of buratic -- bureaucratic red tape that we weren't intending, but at the end of the day, it should be a good benefit and workable. And so my understanding is, like you said, Eric, is the feds did say that they did leave it up to each state through active participation. It's clear, they've identified that it has to be meaningful active participation with the Elected Committee and the SLA, and also a report of documenting how that looked and what that looked like, needs to be, I -- from what I understand, sent to RSA for, you know, that state's plan, and I don't know if it's approval, or how that works. But also, I do know that that money is intended, like you said, again, for the managers. And there's different ways to -- there's different ways to do that. I do know that if there's money left over, and if the Elected Committee and the SLA, you know, find that, you know, there is some money left over, you know, it could be directed to set-aside, but maybe, you know, the intended purpose of it is to go directly to the managers. I mean, personally, that's my preference. I would just like to say a couple things here. First of all, we have to wait for RSA's guidance on this, which hasn't come out yet. I do know they sent some information on a state plan to the SLA, but still the guidance hasn't come out, to the best of my knowledge. My thought is, and I could be wrong, but nobody's going to ever recoup the losses that they've suffered under, you know, COVID-19 and the impact it's had on COVID-19. Some people make more. But some people have lost more, right? Some people make less and maybe they lost less. But in my mind's eye, as best we can, this money should, if it can be done that way after we look at the guidance and everything, should be as evenly distributed to the managers in the program as possible. That's just my thought, you know. So one question for you, in 2019 and 2020, were there the same amount of managers each year, or was it, you know, did we get more money and less managers, or less money and more managers, or do you know what that scenario is?

Morris: I think we had -- we had one more manager: Joe Becker joined us in 2020, so we had -- I think we had one more. If I remember right.

Hauth: OK, so --

Art Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: -- the money was based -- the money was based -- hold on just a second, Art -- the money was based on 2019 managers, but it's gonna be distributed to 2020's numbers? Is that right? Is that how that -- you're understanding that?

Morris: Yeah.

Hauth: Or --. OK. Art, go ahead. Thanks.

Art Stevenson: Well, and that's what I'm gonna talk about, that obviously, Mr. Becker didn't start 'til 2020, and I wanted to mention it's gonna be really hard to figure out how much money he could've or would've made, because obviously, he wasn't able to do his catering business, which was a part of his plan, and so obviously, given those circumstances, of course, you know, the federal law says that all the managers have to be treated uniformly, and, well, in -- in my opinion, you know, the money should be distributed equally among the managers. Obviously, we have no idea of increases or decreases in sales, but, you know, I would point out to members of the Elected Committee that the federal act says that we have to treat managers equally and uniformly, and I realized that the -- this COVID relief money is a unique situation. However, the federal law still applies, as far as I'm concerned, concerning this matter. OK. I've said what I need to say right now --

Hauth: [inaudible]

Art Stevenson: -- Randy, but I -- I do believe, you know, that we must consider all the, you know, woulda-coulda-shouldas concerning this, because obviously it was not Mr. Becker's fault that he was new, and he shouldn't be penalized for that.

Morris: Well, and --

Hauth: OK. Thank you, Art.

Morris: Just --

Hauth: Any -- any -- anyone else?

Morris: Yeah, Randy, just real --

Jaynes: [inaudible]

Hauth: Lin?

Jaynes: Yes.

Hauth: Go ahead, Lin.

Jaynes: I was gonna basically say the same thing. You know, it -- it -- it needs to be uniform across the board. I mean, that's something that -- if you do it any other way, it -- it just -- it's not -- it's not fair. It needs to be equal in -- in the program for all of us, and it should include us all. That's, you know, basically my opinion.

Hauth: Thank you, Lin. Any other board members? And then we'll turn it over to the VFMs. Any other board members?

Art Stevenson: Hey Randy?

Derrick Stevenson: This is Derrick.

Hauth: Derrick, go ahead.

Art Stevenson: Go ahead, Derrick. You go first, and then I'll -- I'll say something further.

Derrick Stevenson: Yeah, I think distributing it equally to all the managers is -- is a good thing. I know we're basing it off of certain years, but we have to go with reality, that we don't really know how long -- how long COVID's gonna be affecting us. And we don't really know what's gonna happen after that. So I -- I think just doing it equally is the best way.

Hauth: Yeah. Thank you.

Art Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: I do want to say something. Yeah, Art, go ahead.

Art Stevenson: Go ahead. Well, I was gonna say also, too, Randy, that in the year 2020, we could not assume or, you know, there are factors there that coulda-would-shoulda happened, and, you know, say like, somebody mighta come into -- and I'm just using someplace off the -- off the cuff -- into Char's location and asked for a, you know, a catering job worth 500 dollars, or they would've made a 500 dollar profit. You know, those things are lost also, and so I -- you know, there's no telling how much money I would've made out of the safety academy in training seminars that didn't happen in 2020, because they didn't happen, Randy. And so that's why I'm in favor of distributing the money equally to all the blind licensed managers, because there's a lot of factors there that, you know, that we just don't know. And just --

Hauth: Right.

Art Stevenson: -- basing it on the 19 -- the 2019 figures, I don't -- I don't think you can do that, because there's a lot of factors that could've happened that never would've happened.

Hauth: OK.

Art Stevenson: So that's my final input on this whole situation.

Hauth: OK. Just --. Thank you, Art. Just let me say real quickly, a couple of...again, we have to wait for RSA's guidance on this. And I think Jerry sent an email earlier, and some of the things you said in there are, I mean, absolutely right. It's not intended to make somebody who wasn't impacted more money, right? That's what -- that's what I'm understanding. But, again, we're gonna have to wait for the guidance to come in. We don't know if the PPP loans are going to be considered, or unemployment's gonna be considered, or any of those things, but there are ways, from what I'm understanding, there are ways to distribute this money. And, I mean, I'm not gonna put words in Eric's mouth, but it sounds like the agency is very supportive of -- support -- of, you know, doing -- providing this money to the managers in the most uniform and even way we all can do that. Again, we're gonna have to see what comes our way and work around that. It can be done either through disbursements, or it can be done through, as I understand, like, benefit checks, and...you know, I'm still -- everybody's still kind of navigating it, trying to figure out, you know, but. Anyone else? Well, one other quick thing is, it sounds like -- sounds like even though this went to the federal register for comments and it's going to be an expedited matter because Terry and Nicky were able to talk with the office of management -- office of management services or business management at RSA, and it sounds like instead of 90 days, it may be 30 days or so. And it sounds like the agencies are getting the green light to be able to work with the committees on establishing a plan on how this is gonna happen, so. Anyone else?

Morris: Yeah, Randy?

Hauth: Yes, Eric.

Morris: Hey, just real quick, the -- as we talk about distributing it evenly, and that's one of the points that Jerry made, and I -- I'm glad you brought that up, so, here's a thought, 'cause I, ultimately, I have to, like, make it happen, once we decide on what we're gonna do, so if a manager did not have losses above, let's say -- let's say if we distributed it amongst everybody evenly, if we just divide it out, it's gonna be 12,000 dollars per manager. If a manager, let's say they had 5,000 dollars in losses, just hypothetically. So that would be 7,000 dollars that would -- that person could not be paid. So does it make sense to everybody that we would take that 7,000 and prorate it across everybody else to evenly distribute it? Is that what you guys are thinking? I'm just trying to figure out how to maximize the money. And -- 'cause it has to be for losses.

Hauth: I think --

Morris: -- losses incurred.

Hauth: We -- yeah. I think we have to wait, honestly, Eric, I think we have to wait for RSA's guidance on this, you know, 'cause we don't really know what they're going to calculate, right? I mean, we don't know what they're going to...

Morris: Well, they've -- they've told us. It's gonna be, like for our state, it's gonna be 179,171 bucks.

Hauth: No, I meant as --. Yeah, I'm sorry, I meant as far as like what they're going to determine, you know, to offset the losses, you know, like --

Morris: Oh, yeah.

Hauth: -- are PPP's going to --? You know. So I think -- and I think there's gonna be some -- but, I mean, my thoughts are, we wait until we see what RSA comes up with, and we get together and work through this the best way we can, so.

Morris: OK, and just one more thing about Art's question about Joe Becker's location. NCSAB sent in a huge list of questions to RSA about this, and I think that was one of the very specific scenarios that they were sent. If an operator opened up in January, which I -- I was looking at that going, well, we have somebody exactly like that, so hopefully we'll get a response specific to that, too.

Hauth: OK. Anyone else, before we move on?

Art Stevenson: Well, and -- and Randy, as I said, part of Becker's location was going to be catering, and, you know, how do you -- how do you figure losses on -- on catering? Because you just can't. You don't know what he would've got in catering for the year 2020, and so just coming up with an arbitrary number, and that's why, you know, and I was thinking about Becker specifically, was that you, it -- it's gonna be very, very difficult to come up with, you know, losses in that particular thing, and so, I just wanna make sure, you know, that everybody's treated equally. Which, you know, like I said, with me, you know, there's no, at the safety academy, you know the -- the things they scheduled for training and all that kinda stuff, or having conferences, you just can't estimate what was lost -- lost. But I know dang well that I lost more than 11,000 dollars last year. And -- and I don't -- now, I don't want -- I don't want to take any more than a equal share, because, well, unless -- unless it isn't gonna go to a manager. Then I might -- I might go ahead and take it. But I would just -- in my personal opinion, I mean, we're all hurting. Congress gave us eleven -- you know, the eleven thou -- it comes out to 11,000 per manager. And that's what I think should happen. And these managers should get their 11,000 dollars. And so --

Hauth: Once -- once -- once we -- once we get the guidance --

Art Stevenson: Yeah.

Hauth: -- from RSA, Art, we'll sit down and figure it out, so.

Art Stevenson: Let's -- yeah. Let's move on, I guess.

Hauth: Anybody else have a comment before we move on?

Garcia: So Randy, this is Trevor. I have a quick question.

Hauth: Hey, Trevor.

Garcia: Are you referring to RSA guidance on whether PPP or PUA or any of those, if you've applied for and received those, are we waiting for guidance on what they say regarding factoring those numbers in?

Hauth: Yeah. So we're waiting on guidance on factoring those numbers in. So if somebody got unemployment, is RSA gonna say that -- that that had to be counted, you know, against the money? Or if somebody got a PPP loan, they're gonna say -- and I think there's gonna be a few other things, but it's my understanding that's what we're waiting for right now, and it should be out pretty soon, and we can't do anything until that comes out so we all know, we're on the same page, you know, so.

Garcia: Yeah, it's -- it's [inaudible].

Hauth: Anybody else? Hey, Trevor, I was gonna tell you, it was good to hear your voice on the Sa -- Sagebrush, bud, so. And anybody -- anybody else before we move on? So let's go ahead and move on and, Eric, we'll -- once that comes out, I know you'll get it to us, or if I get it, I'll get it, you know, to you and everybody else, and we'll -- we'll, you know, put our heads together and figure it out, so. What do we have next, Lin?

Jaynes: Next on the agenda is food trucks and charging stations.

Hauth: OK. I'm not sure, Lewanda, you put this on? I don't -- I know I saw an email from Mr. Bird; I don't know if this is for Jerry or if you wanted to talk about it, or...exactly what, but.

Miranda: No, Jerry -- Jerry asked to have it on the agenda.

Hauth: OK. Jerry, if you'd like to talk about this, please have the floor.

Bird: Now, I -- I don't recall asking to put it on the agenda, but I did ask Eric a question about when I was doing some, you know, thinking of ways to maybe help build my business back up, because I've lost over half of my income, but the thing is, is I got to thinking about, you know, the food carts out at rest areas, because rest areas was -- is about the only thing I have trickling in a little bit. And, to let you know, they been closed for two and a half weeks, will be closed for another couple weeks. But...so I probably won't get nothing this whole month. But anyways, I was thinking about, well, what could I brainstorm about how can I maybe produce some income with -- with this area? And -- and I thought, well, what about them food trucks? I -- I didn't intend for food trucks like they brought in before, and they just bring in a food truck because truckers can't get to a place, and, you know, they -- they give us a percentage of whatever they want to, of sales. I was thinking more of operating the food trucks, and, you know, get rid of the middleman, and -- which also was in my concern of these electric filling stations that're -- are happening. You know, it's -- it's -- it's upon us. And we haven't discussed it too much, but if we don't get looking into it, they're gonna be sitting there, and whether we can get part of that, or -- or manage those, whatever, is yet to be seen. But if we don't start, just kinda like you talked about this other place that's been built and opened and -- and all that, we need to get in on the bottom floor. So I figure, well, if that's a possibility, and we can maintain with a partnership with somebody that manufactures 'em and that, but we maintain 'em, just exactly what the state will do, whether the ones out there, ODOT or whatever, will do theirselves, and if you're gonna have people -- if you're gonna have power stations at rest areas, and they gotta sit there for -- I dunno, I'm not even sure how -- like what, twenty minutes, a half hour, I dunno how --

Miranda: Forty-five minutes.

Bird: -- probably before long, it'll be ten seconds. Forty-five minutes. OK. Well, you're sitting there for forty-five minutes waiting for your car to charge. There's this food truck right in front of you. I mean, darn. I'm gonna buy me something to eat while I'm sitting here waiting. Or, they could go buy some vending outta your vending thing, but I do think something like a food truck would really do good, as long as we have the rights and maintain 'em. I'm not talking, you know, letting some other person allow food trucks and they're ODOT, but we don't, you know, get to manage them like we do our other stuff. So that -- that's why I asked Eric the question, because they've been roping off a bunch of my parking areas in the Wilsonville rest areas, and I've been reading up on some of this electric stuff, and they're -- they're moving along here. And it's like, oh, well, maybe that's what they're doing. Come to find out that they might be -- they didn't say that's why they're roping it off, they're roping it off because they're gonna pave it, which, it's been roped off and now they can't pave. But anyway, so that's kinda where I was, was trying to see what -- if we -- is it possible? I don't wanna bring it up and then them say, well, then, if you guys are thinking of that, we'll just privatize 'em, you know, and [inaudible], so that's why I haven't approached ODOT, or...which I shouldn't, but, anything else, other than ask Eric some questions so I can, you know, make a better business decision on, do we try to look into it, do we get on at the bottom floor, do we offer this, we offer that? It's -- it's -- it's gonna happen. And I would like a piece of it. And I think the agency and the blind people would, too. Because they gotta have it. It's gonna be mandatory every, I dunno, hundred and fifty miles, hundred miles, I don't know, but. So that -- that's where I'm at on that, is I know the Kennelly Amendment allows us the only ones that can charge anything in rest areas, so I know there's probably gonna be, you know, other people are gonna want to have a piece of it and all this so, kind of that's where I'm at: it's just to bring it out into the light, and start looking into it and see if there's possibilities, or maybe there's stuff we need to do to make sure none of 'em come in if we don't get to operate 'em.

Art Stevenson: Mr. Chair?

Hauth: Yes, Art? Jerry, Jerry, are you good?

Bird: Yeah, I'm good, thanks.

h: OK. You bet.

Art Stevenson: [inaudible] And -- and so anyways, of course, the state statutes, you know, say that we're -- the Oregon Commission for the Blind is supposed to make surveys and...let the agency know what their findings were. And so I think it would be quite appropriate, because I understand what Jerry's saying there, the electric cars, electric charging stations, and obviously, I don't think ODOT's probably going to want to manage or deal with them. Yeah, so, I think...I think I'd like to make a motion that the Elected Committee recommend that the agency do a survey in accordance with the state statutes on the viability and all of the particulars in us, you know, doing the charging stations in rest areas.

Hauth: So a motion's been made. Do we have a second on that?

Art Stevenson: Hey --

Miranda: I'll second it.

Art Stevenson: -- you guys don't --

Miranda: I'll second it.

Art Stevenson: Thank you, Lewanda.

Miranda: [inaudible]

Hauth: OK, a second -- a second's been -- a second has been made. I would've seconded it if you didn't, Lewanda, so thank you, but I wanted to second that so we could have some discussion about it. First of all, wanted to hear what Eric's thoughts were on that, 'cause, basically, Jerry was asking for some, you know, feedback from Eric, so, Eric, the floor is yours. If you could give us...

Morris: I'm sorry, Randy, somebody -- I -- I couldn't quite hear you. You want me to go now, Randy?

Hauth: That's alright. So --. Yeah, please.

Morris: Yeah, so Jerry -- Jerry reached out; it was a valid question, and, you know, when they're tearing up the parking lot and stuff, people are always curious what's going on. And we reached out to ODOT again and asked 'em about this. We -- we'd asked 'em...gosh, it's probably been four, maybe five years ago about it, and, you know, ODOT is not interested in putting 'em in right now, and I think there's a -- some -- somebody needs to go on mute.

Hauth: I'm sorry about that. Yeah, hold on, bud, that's me, sorry.

Morris: Oh, no problem. Thank you. So the real -- I think the crux of the problem, why they don't have charging stations already, is because we have the priority to do vending, but then on top of that, there's some -- some legal parameters, there's some laws around them not being able to provide fueling at rest areas in Oregon, so they can't just put a gas station in. And charging stations are looked at in the same -- the same way. Now, is that gonna be the same way forever? I -- I don't think so, because of the popularity of charging stations and stuff. And, you know, as more and more people are driving these, they're gonna want more and more opportunities to do it, so I think it's a valid thing to take a look at. I like the idea of ta -- of doing a formal survey and a -- a formal proposal about it to pre -- present to ODOT to say hey, this is -- we think this is viable under the law, and it's a business model that we could definitely tap into. And, to Jerry's point, I think we'd have to partner with somebody to do it. You know, Telsa is doing it massively across the nation. But there's a lot of other companies that do the same thing. So I think we could definitely put together a package, send it to ODOT. They may tell us, hey, you can't do it right now; but then at least it's on the books saying -- instead of just saying, hey, we were interested in it a few years ago, there's something formal.

Hauth: Thank you. OK, anybody else before we move forward? OK, a motion's been made, a second. Voting now. Derrick Stevenson?

Derrick Stevenson: Yeah, could you give me the motion again?

Art Stevenson: OK. Sure.

Derrick Stevenson: I had to step away.

Art Stevenson: Alright. What we're doing is we're recommending that the agency do a survey on the viability and the possibility of us doing the charging stations for electric cars in rest areas.

Derrick Stevenson: OK.

Hauth: OK.

Derrick Stevenson: Sounds like Eric's already -- it sounds like Eric's already on board with that, but I'll vote yes.

Hauth: Yes. Sounds -- sounds like it. Yea or nay?

Derrick Stevenson: Yes.

Hauth: OK. Art, yea or nay?

Art Stevenson: Yes. Yes.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yea.

Hauth: Lin?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: Steve Jackson? Steve? I vote yea. That motion passes. Steve, if you're on the line, you're on mute. Going once, going twice...OK. Motion passes. What's next?

Jaynes: Consideration of mediated remedies.

Hauth: OK. I think this is where I come into play, so I'll try and recap this, and I'll put a disclaimer up right after that: may not be exactly the sequence of events or exactly a [inaudible] matter, but I think it'll give us a good summary recap of where we are and why I put this on the agenda. Really haven't had a chance to bring it to, you know, fruition, but, so, as most of you know, there is a group complaint pending in the Office of Administrative Hearings. It was based on a group complaint that had a multitude of items on it. One was [inaudible] the hearing process, and because the rules were adopted during this process by RSA, we refined the complaint. And also, to make it more accessible for us to judicate. We refined the complaint appeal with [inaudible] unassigned vending and the issue that we faced was the unassigned vending being, you know, the priority. In our opinion, this priority being stripped away from the blind vendors, and locations being assigned to sighted vending companies, and locations not going out for bid in accordance with the laws and that. And so, anyways, that is pending. There was also another complaint that was filed prior to the rules being approved by RSA, and I'll back up real quickly, so, multiple complaints, as you know, have been [inaudible] prior to the rules being adopt -- approved by RSA, multiple complainants were denied by the agency, and we believe, at that point in time, that it wasn't proper to be doing that. However, in the meantime, RSA has approved the rules, which denies the multiple complainants, but that was in the fall, I think October...I dunno, thirtieth, thirty-first, wherever. But there was also another complaint that dealt with what we felt was disparate treatment, and again, how blind vendors are being treated differently than sighted vending companies, and why sighted vending companies are being granted different allowances than us, and so trying to navigate the multiple complainant issue -- and [inaudible] that, because that was something the agency really has [inaudible] in there. On my -- on my own, I submitted the complaint on my behalf as a blind vendor claiming disparate treatment, and so forth and so on. And even though the rules weren't in place, that that was, you know, a requirement to submit a complaint form and, you know, the sixty-day timeline. The agency Director Johnson denied that complaint based on timeliness, and so I followed that up with a complaint that was based on the agency denying my due process rights relevant to the underlying issues that were in the complaint, and so forth and so on. And, anyways, that complaint was sent to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and I was in a [inaudible] conference, oh, I dunno, maybe a week ago or so, and at that point in time, I learned that the agency was only going to allow the timeliness issue to be heard. And so within that complaint that was brought to the agency, it was a -- it was more than just a timeliness; it also dealt with the issues contained within the complaint. But so I'm determining what best to do: if another complaint needs to be filed, or, you know, but in the meantime, I will share with you that I not only reached out to Disability Rights of Oregon, but I've also reached out to an attorney that deals with Americans with Disabilities Act legal matters, and so forth and so on. And with all that said, have two different kind of pathways to move forward with. One is to go through the Office of Administrative Hearings, which is kind of...really, a joke, for the most part; you know, blind vendors get the short end of the stick, but that's what we have to do to get around to arbitration, which I'm fully intending to do. Not that I want to, but it's -- in my mind, it's a way to encourage change, constructive change. Or, the other thing I was thinking about, does the agency have any desire to try and sit down at the table and find a mutually agreed upon facilitator or mediator, so that we can address some of these major key issues, and come up with some kind of written instrument, like a memorandum of agreement or understanding? So I wanted to throw that out there. Disability Rights of Oregon is really busy right now, would not be able to get back to me. I spoke with a gentleman from their facility; that agency will be back in touch with me in March. In March. I did talk to that agency about it, and they are possibly interested in assisting, if the agency would be so inclined. And also, I talked to several attorneys that would also be available. But maybe there's somebody else that can get involved. But I'm throwing it out there. I know Scott McCallum, the chair of the Commission Board, I know he listens to this, and maybe it's something that he would also support. Going forward through the Office of Administrative Hearings costs lots of money for the agency and costs a lot of time, and, you know, that's the way it is. And if that's what it's gonna be, then that's what it's gonna be. And complaints will continue to get filed, and that whole system will continue to move forward, because that is really the only way. But, again, closing out, I'd be glad to, you know, Eric, if there's any efforts that you can, you know, do...or anything you'd say, attending your, you know, managers' meetings, it just could be a discussion topic. You know, let's -- let's talk about it. If it can work out, great, and if it can't, well, so be it. But I wanted to throw that out there and also see what the other complainants and other, you know, others on the line, thoughts are.

Art Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: Yes, Art?

Art Stevenson: Yeah, I do realize that we're kinda in a precarious situation right now, you know. And the agency...feels like, you know, they've whipped us into shape, 'cause they worked behind our backs with RSA, did not allow us to actually participate in -- in the process of the rules. And the Elected Committee did reject them because we did have issues, and -- and therefore, you know, I find it quite interesting, well, that all they're going to consider is the timeliness, which is kind of interesting, because I think they think that just because that's all they consider, that's all that's going to be considered if we file for arbitration. Or, actually, now that the rules are in place and that isn't an issue, it, you know. But that's all RSA would address in arbitration. However, we still have the option, in my opinion, the Oregon Commission for the Blind colluded with RSA in adopting rules that, quite frankly, I feel aren't necessarily in alignment with the quote-unquote "code," et cetera, et cetera. And the possibility of just going ahead and filing in federal court because our issues aren't being heard in -- in -- in accordance with federal law, then we do have the right, the constitutional right, to let federal courts --

[undetermined]: [inaudible]

Art Stevenson: -- hear all the evidence and rule on what's been going on. Anyways, I think we need to look at all our options. Quite frankly, I agree with you that, you know, the fake full evidentiary hearing that the agency and the attorney general's office seems to want to give us, is not going to be addressed. And obviously, the timeliness factor in, you know, in all of this, of course, we were against, the Elected Committee was, [inaudible] the handbook. So I think we need to look at our -- our alternatives, Randy. However, I do feel, you know, that in our constitutional rights, we -- we have the right to go all the way to the Supreme Court if we want to, and if OCB only wants to rule on one thing, well, then, we'll...work on the others. So that's my [inaudible] --

Hauth: Yeah. Art, I -- I will -- I will -- I will say --. Yeah. I will say there's a lot of options, I guess, [inaudible]. My thought was, is it worth, and would the agency entertain, trying to sit down at the table and hammer some of [inaudible]. Sorry about the background noise. But, Eric, I don't know when you would -- what -- if you're able to convey that, you know? Or consider it in your office, or convey it, you know, to others, and...or what more you would want.

Art Stevenson: Randy? Randy?

Hauth: Yes.

Art Stevenson: OK.Well, if you want -- you know, obviously, the Elected Committee is supposed to receive, transmit, and advocate for Blind Licensed Managers, and just because we're not...I mean, we're members of the Elected Committee and we're a part of the complaint. [inaudible] that we shouldn't --

Miranda: [inaudible]

Art Stevenson: -- put together -- put together a letter, you know, you always need to document in writing, and so if you need me to make a motion that we send a -- a letter from the Elected Committee requesting the agency to sit down with us and try to address systemic problems that still exist in the vending program, I would make that motion.

Hauth: Well, let me, Art, I appreciate that, and that may be something we need to do, but let's hold off on that for right now. I think -- I think it's out there right now, and if the agency wants to, you know, come together with us and try to figure it out, then they know how to find -- they know how to find me, they know how to find us. And I just wanted to share this kind of, you know, again, I think that would be a good way to do it, but. Eric, I don't know if you have anything to say or not, but, you know, maybe you can, maybe you can't, but I'd be glad to listen to it or move forward to the next item, so.

Morris: Yeah, Randy, I'll comment just real briefly. I think the -- the tough thing about having this discussion in this meeting, is all of these issues you brought up are in the formal process through the Office of Administrative Hearings. So my recommendation would be, is if you're seeking to get into some kind of mediation, then you type that up and send it...send it to me, send it to Director Johnson, and I would copy the Office of Administrative Hearings so everybody's in the same loop, understanding the same conversation.

Hauth: Sure. OK, well, we'll, you know, we'll see what we can -- we'll see what we'll see, so. I -- I appreciate that. So what do we have -- what do we have next?

Jaynes: Next is how to work with the agency on getting the quarterly report accessible for the VFM’s.

Hauth: OK. So, you know, I know, Eric, you mentioned this earlier --

Bird: [inaudible]

Hauth: -- and I know Lewanda mentioned it, you know, as far as being possibly at in-service. But, you know, bottom line, people are struggling to understand and to read the quarterly report, so we need to find a way on how to work with the agency and get those, you know, available and accessible to the Committee members and to the blind vendors. So Lewanda, or, you know, Eric, you know, anybody wanna kinda help guide us in the right direction?

Morris: I could -- I could talk about it briefly, Randy, if you want me to. So one -- one thought --

Art Stevenson: Chair --

Morris: -- one thought I had is, as I was talking about earlier with the -- the budget to actual report being in a PDF format, what I could do, it's pretty, it's a pretty straightforward process to convert an Excel spreadsheet to a PDF, so this time around, what I could do is, I could basically take the report I normally send you and send it -- send the same report, but also create a PDF of it to see if that's more navigable for people and a little more straightforward to understand, and see how that works. And then we can just keep continuing to try to, you know, get it down to where everybody is comfortable with it and everybody likes the formatting.

Miranda: Yeah.

Hauth: Lewanda, does that make sense to you, or did you have anything to weigh in on?

[undetermined]: [inaudible]

Morris: Yeah, we'd make it accessible.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Can you hear me?

Hauth: Hey, Lewanda?

Miranda: Yeah. Can you hear me?

Bird: What's for dinner?

Hauth: Sure. Yes.

Miranda: Yes, you can?

Jaynes: Yes.

Hauth: So, do you have -- do you have anything to share on the accessibility of the form? I don't know if you were able to hear Eric or not, but he can repeat it, I'm sure, if you didn't hear it.

Miranda: [inaudible]

Hauth: OK.

Miranda: I know the -- the monthly report, the System 7 set-aside report that comes out, I can't navigate that. It's not like a regular Excel spreadsheet. Like, you can't go across the top and the sides...it's just all over the place. So, I -- I can't -- I can't figure it out, actually. And then, I know that there is managers, a few managers that I've talked to, that can't do the monthly report. So that's something that --

Hauth: Or the time -- or the time tracker, right?

Miranda: Yeah, that -- yeah. The time tracker. And that's mandatory, but they're having to pay people to do it for 'em, which isn't right.

Hauth: Yeah. So let's -- let's find a way, and it sounds like, Eric, you guys are good on trying to find a way to make that happen, right? And, you know, we can work together on figuring it out, right?

Morris: Yeah.

Hauth: [inaudible] resistant to it.

Morris: No, I think -- I think we just need to figure out the right system where people can access it.

Hauth: OK. Anybody else?

Bird: Jerry, comment.

Hauth: Go ahead, Jerry.

Bird: Thank you. Speaking of the time tracker, I just, from this last bit of this month, I had a problem filling out my time tracker [inaudible] be next month, too, is because, you know, that they didn't think we needed an "other" in there, or something like that. Well, here we go. We got weather. We got electricity out. You know? If I can't go out and do my business, I can't -- there's nowhere to put, like, oh, my power's out, we couldn't do nothing for five, six days. I gotta write it down something else, and all. So therefore, maybe here just came and showed us that we need another line when stuff does come up. Thank you.

Hauth: Thanks, Jerry.

Art Stevenson: Mister -- Mister Chair?

Hauth: Yeah, Art?

Art Stevenson: OK. So I make a motion that the agency incorporate another category in the time tracker for, you know, and -- and Jerry's right. I mean...and therefore, it -- it needs to be in there. So I make a motion that the agency put the category of "other" for mitigating circumstances, so that a more accurate time tracker can be done.

Hauth: OK. A motion's been made. Do we have a second.

Jaynes: I second.

Derrick Stevenson: I second.

Hauth: OK. A second's been given. Any discussion on it?

Garcia: This is Trevor. I have a question.

Hauth: Trevor?

Garcia: So we could also -- I know -- I think -- what I've been doing on my time tracker is just filling out the reason I haven't been working is the COVID, because -- the COVID relief -- or, I'm sorry, not the relief, but I've been putting in the category of -- that we have for COVID-19 related leave, and -- so I've just been filling that in for the days that I haven't been working, because of the fact that COVID has had an impact overall. So I guess, going forward, in the future, [inaudible] that, but would that -- could we fill [inaudible] in lieu of all these power outages and everything else that's been going on? I guess that would be for Eric.

Morris: Well, Trevor, we want to be specific to what --

Hauth: Yeah.

Morris: -- what's being -- oops, am I off mute?

[undetermined]: [inaudible]

Hauth: Eric?

Morris: Yeah, I was just -- I was trying to wrap my head around what Trevor was saying. You know, we want to use COVID for COVID-related stuff. To Jerry's point, we need to have a category that's like, unprecedented events. But "other"...we could take a look at getting that added in there.

Hauth: OK. So, a motion's been made, a second. Discussion?

Art Stevenson: Randy? Randy, Randy, Randy, Randy, Randy!

Hauth: Yeah. Yeah, go ahead. Go ahead, Art. Go ahead.

Art Stevenson: Yeah, I wanna -- I wanna add a friendly amendment to the -- to my -- to my motion --

Hauth: Sure, hurry up, 'cause we gotta get to the vending, too, my friend. Go ahead.

Art Stevenson: Alright. OK. I also want holidays, state holidays, to be put in there, so...in other words, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, because our buildings are closed, and it shouldn't be vacation or anything; it should just be holiday. So, you know, state holidays -- state, federal holidays should be in there, so we get eight hours' worth of credit on -- on the time tracker. So I want that added to the time tracker motion.

Hauth: OK, Lin, do you -- do you -- do you accept that? Lin, I think you were the seconder. Do you accept that?

Jaynes: Yes. Yes.

Hauth: OK. So. OK. Let -- let's move ahead and -- let's go ahead and vote on this. Derrick?

Derrick Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Art?

Art Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yea.

Hauth: Lin?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: Steve Jackson? I vote yea, and motion passes. OK, what do we have next on the agenda?

Jaynes: Last on the agenda is "other."

Hauth: OK, so, I know that -- I know this might not have made it on the agenda, I may have forgotten to pass that along, but we had discussion, Eric, about finding a way to -- on the unassigned vending, even though there's issues around it, I know we've had some discussion about how to try and disperse that money and get that money to the blind vendors, you know, through the priority. It's my understanding that RSA is also, as they did with the technical assistance on active participation, the next thing that's coming out is going to be about unassigned vending and that. I don't know when that will be, but have you given it any more thought, or what we need to actually work through this and make something happen instead of us just, you know, talking about it, so.

Morris: Randy, are you -- are you talking about like -- like we did last month where we gave out COVID relief monies, or...?

Hauth: Yeah, well, we talked about, a -- a month or so ago, Eric, we talked about the unassigned vending coming in, and how we could find a way to disperse it, you know, work with the agency to disseminate that out to the blind vendors, you know, either in -- you know, either in a continued benefit check, or through -- I think you had mentioned COVID-related matters. And, like Jerry said, COVID's gonna continue to, you know, impact us for a long, long time, so --

Morris: Yeah, no, I --

Hauth: I think there was a proposal, maybe, you know --

Morris: Yeah, 'cause what -- what -- what I talked about, if I remember correctly, was that at the end of the first quarter, which will be the end of March, we would basically did -- just like we did at the end of December, we would...for lack of a better way to describe it, balance the checkbook of set-aside, and say, how much money do we still have committed to the budget for legislative -- for the legislative improved budget? Anything over that, we would dispense out, and we were calling it COVID relief in December, which would probably continue on. So anything unassigned vending-wise that was surplus, we would go ahead and kick back to the managers.

Hauth: OK. So either, then, the money that's being allocated towards staff, is that what you're saying? The extra that -- at this point in time, would be going to the managers?

Morris: Correct. That's -- and that's what we talked about, like --

Hauth: OK. OK.

Morris: -- like, during my report -- during my report. Yeah, we could definitely talk about that. We'd wait -- we'd wait till, like, after March is over, 'cause we would've collected those funds, and we would have an idea of exactly how much money we have in ear -- March...early April, I guess it would be.

Hauth: OK. Anything else, you guys? Any other business topics or items that --

Bird: Jerry.

Hauth: -- anybody wants to --. Jerry, go ahead.

Bird: Yeah, I just thought of -- I'd like to ask Eric, and -- and thank you guys for your meeting -- is...kind of lost my train of thought, there. Uh...

Jaynes: Gets worse as you get older, Jerry.

Bird: I know.

Morris: It's COVID times; I understand.

Bird: But just -- just give me a second. 'Cause it's kind of important. Oh well. Talk --

Hauth: Was it about the set-aside, or...unassigned vending?

Bird: Yeah, well -- well, it's kind of like, our set-aside that -- that -- a lot of us pay a lot of set-aside, you know. So you guys gotta understand that the ones that are paying set-aside actually, you know, when you're getting your COVID relief from set-aside, and all that, that...I dunno, I guess what I'm trying to say is...well, never mind. I'll -- I'll just -- I'll stop there. [inaudible]. Thanks.

Hauth: OK. OK. Yeah, no worries, Jerry. You can always follow up with an email. Anybody else before we go? Anything else?

Morris: Have a good night, everybody.

Hauth: Eric?

Morris: No, I'm good.

Hauth: Thanks so much. And thank you -- thank you, Board, and vendors, and Eric. Thanks.

Morris: Take care.

Derrick Stevenson: Goodnight y'all.

**Motions Passed**

1. **That “…we adopt the . . . minutes of the previous meetings that we have not adopted yet.”**

Proposed: Art Stevenson. Seconded: Lin Jaynes. Passed unanimously.

1. **“…that the Elected Committee recommend that the agency do a survey in accordance with the state statutes on the viability and all of the particulars in us . . . doing the charging stations in rest areas.”**

Proposed: Art Stevenson. Seconded: Lewanda Miranda. Passed. Steve Jackson did not respond.

1. **“…that the agency put the category of ‘other’ for mitigating circumstances so that a more accurate time tracker can be done.”**

**Amendment: “I also want state holidays to be put in there.”**

Proposed: Art Stevenson. Seconded: Lin Jaynes. Passed. Steve Jackson did not respond.