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

**Date: Thursday, March 18th, 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 February 25th meeting minutes
2. Open Comments
3. Director Comments
4. Chairman Comments
5. Training & Education
   1. Survey for Spring In-Service
6. Old Business
   1. Mediation proposal
   2. Accessibility issues
   3. Complaint and request for elected committee advocacy
   4. 20 million, RSA guidance
   5. Deferment of set-aside payments
7. Adjournment - Chairman Hauth

**Transcript**

Hauth: Well, let's go ahead and get going. Let's let the party get started. Anyway, we'll go ahead and open the meeting, and call this meeting to order, and go through and do roll. Art Stevenson?

Art Stevenson: Here.

Hauth: Derrick Stevenson?

Derrick Stevenson: Here.

Hauth: Lin Jaynes?  
Jaynes: Present.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Here.

Hauth: Steve Gordon -- or, Steve Jackson? OK. And I'm here, so we do have a quorum. Maybe Steve will call in here in a few. Go on to the managers. Carole Kinney?

Kinney: Here.

Hauth: Harold Young?

Young: Here.

Hauth: Jerry Bird? Char McKinzie? Trevor Garcia?

Garcia: Here.

Hauth: Hey, Trevor. Is there any manager that I've left off? OK, I just called most of, you know, the ones that really [inaudible] --

[undetermined]: [inaudible]

Hauth: -- a lot, as we all -- there's a lot that we know that don't show up, so. Anyway, was that Steve? OK, is there any other manager that wants to be identified that I did not call? Alright. Any members of the public? Alright. Eric, I assume you are here. I don't know if anybody's with you or not, but.

Morris: Good afternoon, Randy, and yeah, I'm here.

Hauth: Hey, alright. OK. And Lin, if you would do the honors -- do me the honor of open -- opening up that agenda; you probably already have it all ready for me, but [inaudible] --

Jaynes: I do. After roll call is adoption of February 25th meeting minutes.

Hauth: Alright. Do we have a motion for adoption of those minutes?

Jaynes: I make the motion.

Derrick Stevenson: I so move.

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

Miranda: Second.

Hauth: OK. Any discussion around those? OK. A motion, a second. And we'll do a roll call vote. Art Stevenson?

Art Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Derrick Stevenson?

Derrick Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Lin Jaynes?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: And Steve Jackson -- or, did you join us yet? OK. I just sent Steve a reminder text. I'll vote yea as well, so that motion passes. OK, what do we have next?

Jaynes: Next on the agenda is open comments.

Hauth: Alright. Open comment. Public comment. Anyone have a comment they'd like to make, just let me know, and the floor is yours. OK.

Art Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Hauth: Yes, Art?

Art Stevenson: OK. Public comment. I attended a pre-hearing conference concerning the complaint that several of the managers of the program had filed against the agency, and during the pre-hearing conference, I learned that the agency believes that -- believes and thinks that rules have been adopted not allowing blind licensed managers to file a joint complaint. And this, as a manager, really concerns me, because I believe that it's against the blind licensed managers' constitutional rights and freedom of speech under the first amendment. Clearly, it states that members, you know, of general public, which does include the blind licensed managers, that citizens of the United States may petition the government on their concerns and complaints. I'm paraphrasing, of course. And so, as a blind licensed manager, I want to state on the record that I do believe that if there is a rule, and quite frankly, it doesn't clearly state in the rules that blind licensed managers cannot file a group complaint, that, you know, the Elected Committee take action in any way that they see fit to procure the first amendment and constitutional rights of the blind licensed managers to file group complaints when they believe that they do have a grievance under the law. I also might say that I do also believe that the only way a group complaint, when managers have a single complaint on one issue, can be addressed uniformly, which is required under the federal -- federal Randolph-Sheppard Act, that that complaint be heard all together, and not separately. Because that was allowed for a blind licensed manager, or however many, you know, filed the same complaint, to be treated differently. So I just wanted to state that and make it a public comment that I do encourage the Elected Committee to fight for the rights of our blind licensed managers to have freedom of speech in filing group complaints, which is our right under the first amendment of the United States Constitution, and the first amendment of the Oregon Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Hauth: Thank you, Art. Any other comment? OK. Going once, going twice. Any other comment? OK, three times. No other comments. What do we have next, Lin?

Jaynes: Next up is director comments.

Hauth: Alright, alright, alright. So, Eric, the floor is yours.

Morris: Hey, good afternoon, everybody. I got three things to cover today. Actually, I have five, but several of 'em are agenda items already, so. I was gonna send it out today; I just haven't had a chance to, so look for your email either later today -- well, tomorrow. House Bill 2290. It's really funny that this just popped up on our radar this week. House Bill 2290, the dash two amendment, allows for electric vehicle charging stations in public parks, in Oregon parks, and rest areas. So this just popped up. So we're taking a look at it to see what -- what's going on with it. I -- I don't have much more to add besides that it's out there as a legislative house bill. So I will forward that out to you guys with any other details that I -- I can scratch up -- scratch together. It's had a work session, I believe, and is just sitting there right this second. But I -- I thought it was kind of funny, 'cause we just talked about this last month, and then all of a sudden this pops up. I -- I don't know the motivation behind it, but I think it's a good thing. So we need to do a little digging into the business model. ODOT has a panel, it's Go Electric Oregon, they have a -- like a -- a division within ODOT that is handling electric vehicle charging throughout the state as a -- the state's electric highway. And they're working with seven different vendors -- seven different networks, they call it. But it'll be interesting to see how far this goes along. It, you know, I don't think anybody's opposed to it. It definitely feels like something we would be in line to do that. That seems like our -- our neck of the woods for vending that kind of a thing. So we just need to determine, you know, how much of a business, you know, what -- what's the business model actually look like. So look for an update on that.

Hauth: OK. Thank you. Eric, do you know who introduced that, or who's behind that?  
Morris: I don't. I can look and see who's --

Hauth: OK.

Morris: 'Cause I think it usually says on the bill, doesn't it?

Hauth: Yeah, I think it's -- says who's sponsoring or introducing it, but.

Morris: Yeah, I'll --

Hauth: I was just wondering. OK.

Morris: I'll -- I'll take a look and see, but it -- it was def --

Hauth: Any -- any --

Morris: Sorry, go ahead.

Hauth: Yeah, that's OK. Go ahead and finish your report, if you were, I'm sorry I interrupted you.

Morris: Yeah, no problem. Earlier -- late last week, early this week -- gosh, it's -- time just kind of blurs away. I asked Kat Peace to reach out to everybody to start compiling compliance documents. Normally we'd do that the first of the year; we're kind of off cycle 'cause we did the operating agreements in December, so. I know a bunch of you have already got that stuff in, so thank you for doing that. And the last thing, just real quickly, we did a site survey out at Silver Falls State Park yesterday. And I don't have all the full details yet, but it sounds like it could be a good opportunity for someone that wants to go out and run their -- it's not a cafeteria. From what I can tell so far, we haven't got the financials on it yet, but it's more of a snack bar type of a situation out there. And it sounds like they're getting good -- there's plenty of people going -- Silver Falls, if you've ever been out there, is always busy in the summertime. But it sounds like they have a pretty steady population year-round for visitors and stuff, so look for that -- look for more information to come out about that soon. Art, I've -- I've tried to email you the site surveys a couple times this week, and for some reason they keep bouncing back from your email. So I need to figure out what's going on. Have -- have you had any problems with your email account, Art?

Art Stevenson: No. I got Kat's email about compliance documents and stuff, and I'm receiving emails on a daily basis, so.

Morris: [inaudible]

Art Stevenson: I don't -- you may -- may have one piece of it wrong or something, not typed in right or something...

Morris: Yeah. My guess is it might be the size, so let me -- let me double-check the size. They were pretty healthy-sized files, so I'll double-check that, maybe chop it up into some smaller pieces and try [inaudible] tomorrow.

Art Stevenson: Alright. Thank you.

Morris: And Mr. Chair, that's my report for today. I -- obviously, we're gonna talk about set-aside deferment and the...the twenty million dollar stimulus package stuff later in the meeting today.

Hauth: OK. Thank you. Any -- any questions? [inaudible] any board members?

Art Stevenson: Eric, have there been any other...any further requests for surveys or anything? And, I remember in our last meeting we talked about the Salem City Police new location for Char, and I was wondering if you have any updates on that.

Morris: Yeah, unfort --

Art Stevenson: Uh...

Morris: Unfortunately, Art, City of Salem hasn't gotten back with us any -- with any information yet. We've been kind of hass -- not *hassling* them, but we've been pushing real hard to get that information and figure out what's going on with the old city hall and the new police department to figure out that situation, but we haven't got any details yet.

Art Stevenson: OK. So who, just out of curiosity, who did you contact with the police?

Morris: Tere -- Teresa's working -- Teresa Field is working with their contracts person. The city has a contracts person, which is normally who we're working with in those situations. So it sounds like there's some -- they're trying to figure out what they want to do with the -- the space where the police department was before, which includes that micro market. And we're trying to get information on what they've done at the new police department, so.

Art Stevenson: OK. Alright. Thank you.

Morris: You're welcome.

Hauth: OK. Any other questions?

Kinney: Mr. Chair, this is Carole.

Hauth: Hey, Carole.

Kinney: I have a question for Eric.

Hauth: Sure, go ahead.

Kinney: OK. Eric, since you brought up the compliance that Kat sent out --

Hauth: Hey Car -- Carole --

Kinney: Yeah.

Hauth: You're a little bit hard to -- you're a little bit hard to hear.

Kinney: Oh. I'm sorry.

Hauth: That's right.

Kinney: I'll see if I can move my phone around a little. OK, how about now? Better?

Hauth: Yeah, beautiful. Thanks.

Kinney: Thank you. OK, the compliance, you know, that Kat sent out? I had sent some of my compliance stuff in, like the liability for my subcontractors, but the Multnomah County Environmental Health as well as the liability insurance for my unit has been deferred until it reopens. So Eric, my question to you is what do you need me to send that will comply with what you're wanting?

Morris: Yeah, Carole, that -- that's a great point to bring up, and I -- I apologize for not mentioning that during my comments. If -- if your unit is closed, then it sounds like you've checked all the boxes; obviously, I'm not looking at the list for you right this second. But the thing I want people to keep is if -- if they, like, haven't bought their health license yet from the -- the county yet 'cause they're closed, and...we're not quite sure when that's gonna happen. Just like I haven't bought my Trimet pass yet for the year. But as soon as things get ready to open back up, we should all be prepared to, like me, get my Trimet pass, and everybody else, like, get your insurance ready to go, get your country health inspections and stuff, get your [inaudible] fired up and those kind of things. Just be prepared.

Kinney: OK. OK, that's what -- that's all I wanted to know. I just, I didn't know what you would need, if I needed to contact them and tell 'em to send a letter...I didn't know what to do. 'Cause they're the ones who suggested that it would be deferred. I didn't ask 'em; this was their idea.

Morris: Yeah, no, and it's a -- it's a great question, Carole. I -- I wish we had a better -- I wish we had a better idea of when somebody's gonna flip the switch and say, alright, government's gonna start opening back in person, and I -- I keep hoping that we'll get some kind of a heads up through some of the meetings that we're having, you know, with other state agencies, but we just have not heard anything. It's been all the focus on the vaccine and opening up schools, so I'm hopening -- "I'm hopening" -- I'm *hoping* that soon --

Kinney: [inaudible] [laughs]

Morris: -- hoping -- I'm hoping soon that will come up as a topic, 'cause eventually it has to. But --

Kinney: Right.

Morris: I think everybody's just trying to focus on those things right this second.

Kinney: OK. OK, thank you, that's -- that's all I needed. Thanks.

Morris: Thanks Carole.

Hauth: OK. Any other -- any other questions? OK, hearing no other questions, I will just say real quickly, as Eric had talked about, you know, the focus is on the vaccine right now and beating COVID and, you know, changing the numbers, and herd immunity and all that. I did hear, I think, in New Jersey, they got it back to work order issues, I think it was on the state properties, some government properties, but those aren't even coming back until September, you know. And I saw, I was listening to the radio last night and, you know, Amazon, and, I mean, all the major companies are really requiring people to, going forward, to, you know, work at home. Because they found out how -- how better that is for the bottom line of the company, and they can restructure. But, and it'll be interesting going forward, but I don't see that happening anytime in the real, real near future. But I guess we'll keep our -- keep our eyes and ears peeled, so. What do we have next on the agenda, Lin, if you please?

Jaynes: Next up is Chairman Hauth comments.

Hauth: OK, well, gosh. We're having fun. [laughs] I know I appreciate -- I appreciate Lewanda putting that on there for me; I usually make comments during the meeting, you know, if people wanna hear 'em or not, but I don't really have anything too super prepared. I will say, you know, I -- I do empathize with what Art is sharing, and as far as the multi-group complaints. I know that we talked about this and it's been a bone of contention for quite a while, and I know the agency, prior to the rules getting adopted, the agency took the position regularly, when a complaint get -- would get filed, "Nope, you can't file a group complaint. You have to file individual complaints." And then so, on the one complaint when it got accepted for arbitration, I was -- the complaint was on the line, well, no, it got sent back by...oh, the -- RSA and said, OK, well, now you guys have to determine -- there's nothing in your laws, rules, regulations that deny a group complaint. So now we're asking that you do this through the administrative hearing process, and so we want you to go ahead and process the complaint of record, which I think is dash-08, don't hold me to that, but I think that's what it is. And so we also want you to determine through that administrative hearing process if group complaints are allowed or not. Well, in the meantime, which I thought was rather strange, I believe the rules that got adopted in October, 'cause I looked at 'em the other day, I do believe they denied multi-party complaints. Now, it does allow for the Elected Committee to receive, transmit, and advocate on managers. I'm pretty sure that the Committee could take a active roll in that, but, you know, here we are in front of an administrative law judge, and we're working through trying to judicate the complaints, you know, the remaining -- I think one of the remaining issues, as you know, is unassigned vending, that, you know, we feel the agency hasn't supported the priority on by allowing blind vendors to bid on locations where people have left or retired or passed away, and the other unassigned vending that the agency has accumulated, you know. With that said, I will, you know, I'll give a little bit of kudos to the agency starting to work to distribute those unassigned vending, other than the money that's being kept for a half-time position. But as far as the multi-party complaint, don't know exactly, you know, how we handle that; the best way to handle it...you know, here -- again, here RSA says, "No, you guys, because there's nothing to regulate it, you guys have to go through the administrative hearing process." But then in the meantime they approved rules that, from what I -- what I remember, deny it, so now we're going through this process, you know, which is kind of an oxymoron to me, but...anyway, you know, I -- I hear what Art's saying. I'm not a legal mind or a legal expert, but that -- that is out there to -- to deal with, if the complainants choose to deal with it somehow. So the other thing is just, too, is, we talked about finding a way possibly to work with the agency on resolving these issues prior to hearing. Not putting the hearing aside, but to work with the agency and see if we could find a common ground understanding. If we can or if we can't, we don't know, but because Gretchen Merrill, Gunn Merrill, broke her hand, and was out for a while, she asked that the hearing be put forward, so instead of February, it's now in May. I believe the complainants have submitted their witness list, and I believe that they submitted the exhibits. There's still an allowance to be able to add to that; I don't remember exactly what the [inaudible] is, but so the -- the thought was, you know, lookit, if the agency as the administrative authority has the desire to reach out to the complainants, Elected Committee who's representing them on that matter, and offer in good faith talks or discussions or mediations for us to sit down and try and resolve these things prior to hearing, I would put that responsibility back on the agency. I was thinking initially, hey, let's craft up some, you know, mediated settlement request, and let's craft up this, but again, I think the agency -- offering the agency our time and effort and willingness to find a way to come together, either if it's through a mutually agreed facilitator, or if it's just, you know, the Elected Committee and the agency trying to talk out some things, then, you know, right now, the agency knows that. And they can take action to say, yeah, we'll take you up on that, and this is what we're thinking, and this is what we're proposing, and, you know, we can do -- we can do the same. But I just wanted to throw that out there. And so there's one -- there's one other item that I will talk about a little bit later, but, you know, just speaking as a complainant here, and not as the chair. Well, I'll speak about it a little bit later, but. That's all I have for right now, so we can go ahead and move forward if we'd like.

Jaynes: Next up is training and education: survey for spring in-service.

Hauth: Alright. Who did -- who's up on that?

Miranda: That's Lewanda.

Jackson: I'd like to say Steve's here. Steve Jackson's here.

Hauth: Alright. Hey Steve, thanks for joining.

Jackson: Sorry. [inaudible]

Hauth: Go ahead, Lewanda. OK. Thanks.

Miranda: OK, for...so, I'd like to thank everybody for participating in the survey, first. And the date that wins out is May first, so...yeah. We had the sixth, and then it went down to some other days...four and three...and then one. So, May first looks like it, but I'll have to get together with Kathy -- I sent her an email -- and ask her if we could get together sometime next week so we can confirm, you know, the -- the day. And then for the topics, four were for commissaries, two, finding available grants, and learning how to do it, how to [inaudible]. And then the next one was accessibility, how to navigate forms that we get from the agency. And then...those were the top three. And then we have several more single ideas that won't...won't go unnoticed. So when Kathy calls we'll go through each one of those too, and I've already gone over 'em with the chairman. And so we'll start working on that. And that's it, guys.

Hauth: OK. Well, thank you. Anything else on that?

Miranda: Nope. That's it.

Hauth: OK. OK. OK, any questions around that, anyone? OK.

Derrick Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: What do we have next --. Yeah, go ahead. Hey, Derrick?

Derrick Stevenson: Yeah, I got some stuff happening here right now. I gotta go.

Hauth: OK.

Derrick Stevenson: And take care of it.

Hauth: OK. Well, get back on if you can --

Derrick Stevenson: [inaudible]

Hauth: OK.

Derrick Stevenson: Yeah, this is, like, sheriffs and stuff, so.

Hauth: Yep. No -- no worries. No worries. OK, buddy. OK. OK...any questions for Lewanda? Or comments?

Jackson: I wanna know why the sheriff's at Derrick's house. Sorry.

[laughter]

[undetermined]: [inaudible]

Hauth: You can call him -- you can call him -- you can -- hey, hey, hey. You can call him offline. OK. Let's go ahead and move forward.

Jaynes: Alright, next up is old business.

Hauth: Art, go ahead. I think Art's wanting to say something.

Jaynes: OK.

Art Stevenson: Well, I just wanted to say he's been having some neighbor problems, some...people living on the property next to his freeloading and stuff, and so it's [inaudible] situation.

Hauth: Squatters? Yeah. Yeah.

Art Stevenson: So, well, yeah, and...drugs and guns and all sorts of stuff, so --

Hauth: Yeah. OK.

Art Stevenson: Anyways. Yeah.

Hauth: Yep. OK. What do we have -- what do we have next, Lin? I'm sorry.

Jaynes: OK. That's OK. I didn't hear Art speak up, so I apologize. Next up is old business, mediation proposal number A.

Hauth: So, yeah, I mean, I went over that in my director's comments. Obviously it would have to, you know, be supported by the complainants. I think Lewanda -- Lewanda has, you know, basically an -- an offer, the submission that the complainants can send to the agency for consideration as long as the complainants choose to do that. Again, you know, the Elected Committee has been asked to represent the complainants, but it'd be good to, you know, if the complainants wish to do that, and then we'll get that to the agency in writing, like Eric had suggested, and go from there. So I don't know if anybody has any comments or suggestions or ideas around that, but. OK, well, we'll go ahead and, Lewanda, if you wouldn't mind sending that --

Art Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Hauth: Yes, Art. Go ahead.

Art Stevenson: Why don't we -- I'd like to make a motion that, you know, each member of the Elected Committee send to you issues that we think need to be addressed, and then, you know, proceed accordingly to -- 'cause obviously, there're still things going on that we're definitely concerned about.

Hauth: Sure. Sure. That -- that -- I'll enter -- I'll entertain that -- I'll entertain that motion, Art, if you wanna make it, so.

Art Stevenson: Yeah. I make a motion that we send in our concerns to Randy, and then compile a list, and that those be sent to Eric and Dacia Johnson, and I will in -- include the commissioners on the issues that we believe do need to be addressed, and no longer ignored concerning the issues of our program.

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

Jaynes: I'll second it.

Hauth: Well, I'll --. OK. I was gonna go ahead and second it, but thank you, Lewanda. So a second's been made. Discussion? Let me just -- let me just share, I think that's a good idea. I think we need to, you know, keep it as -- keep it as refined, the major, you know, the major issues, which, I'm sure those will be, but, you know, get the major issues together and see what the agency's thoughts are on mediating with us on that. I will say I have reached out, as a blind vendor, I reached out to Disability Rights Oregon because they do offer mediation. You know, I guess in a perfect world, it'd be great if the agency and the Elected Committee could sit down and hash these things out. I don't know that we're there yet. Obviously, there's not trust, you know, I don't think there's trust from the agency into the committee, and I don't think there's trust from the committee to the agency. So we may, I mean, we may try it that way, or we may see if there's a better way to do it like, you know, bringing in a mutual facilitator, but anyway, I just wanted to share that. If there aren't -- if there isn't any more discussion, we can take a vote on this, or if there is, let me know.

Miranda: Chairman Hauth?

Hauth: OK. Yes, Lewanda?

Miranda: [inaudible] is different than the mediation we were talking about for the prehearing, which is just unassigned vending, isn't it?

Hauth: Yes. The prehearing is just the unassigned vending.

Miranda: That's the one that -- that we sent out about mediating with the agency, right?

Hauth: Yes. I believe so. But again, I don't think, you know -- you know, Lewanda, again, I don't think...I don't think anything is so structured that it can't include maybe another item or two. In my mind, I think trying to take one item at a time would be the best, and [inaudible] that we're running now dealing with the administrative law judge and the agency on the unassigned vending, and how that's so impactful on managers and [inaudible]. I think that could be a focus. But it doesn't hurt for those other items to come in so we can consider 'em and maybe compile 'em and -- and then submit 'em to the agency as well, you know. That's my thoughts, [inaudible] that's OK with Art, or, you know, so. You know.

Art Stevenson: That's fine with me.

Hauth: OK. OK. So, a motion and a second. Any other discussion before we vote? OK, hearing no other discussion, yea or nay, Art?

Art Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lin Jaynes?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Yea.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: I vote yes.

Hauth: And I'll vote yes as well. OK, that motion passes. What do we have next?

Jaynes: Alright, next on --

Hauth: Hey, Eric --. Oh, Lewanda -- or, Lin, I'm sorry.

Jaynes: That's OK.

Hauth: So, Eric, I guess I -- I apologize: I should have asked what your thoughts were during discussion, but maybe you couldn't have said anything; maybe you want to wait and see what we send your way, but...in just listening to what we're talking about, do you think the agency has any interest in -- in are we -- are we just wasting our time, and we just go forward with hearing, or...do you have any ideas?

Morris: Well, Randy, like we talked about at the last meeting, I think, you know, especially since the Office of Administrative Hearings is involved, you know, doing stuff online, not including them, I -- I think it's just kind of...it -- it wouldn't be good for me to comment on right this second, so, yeah, I'd go ahead and keep on the course you guys are talking about, and then we'll go from there.

Hauth: Yep. OK. Thanks. Lin, go ahead, I'm sorry.

Jaynes: Next on the agenda, still under old business, would be item number b, accessibility issues.

Hauth: OK. Lewanda, do you want to talk about this, or you want me to talk about it, or...

Miranda: Um...go ahead. But [inaudible] --

Hauth: OK, [inaudible] --

Miranda: That when I talk to Kathy Ewing, too, I'm going to see what -- what they have that's available, you know, to -- for in-service.

Hauth: Sure. OK, well, as most everybody on the line knows, there's a lot of different ways that we access the information that the agency provides and has provided over the years: there's -- there's partially sighted, and then there's totally non-sighted. And so, people access the information differently, right? Either through JAWS or, you know, screen readers, or, you know, ZoomText, or whatever it is, but I do -- I do know that there's been a reoccurring problem, especially with some of the detailed forms like the spreadsheets that get sent out, you know, the quarterly reports and trying to understand that, and I know we've talked about those, on the time tracker, I know it's been difficult for people to fill out, and, you know, so forth and so on. But I do know we've talked about trying to find a better way to get that information to the committee and blind vendors so we can access that and understand it. And I do think the agency is on board with that. I think, without putting words in Eric's mouth, think he said, you know, we'll -- we'll work with you on doing it and provide what we'll need -- what you need -- guys need, you know, and what will help you access that information, so. But, you know, I do know that, like Lewanda's probably one of the most tech-savvy blind vendors in our program, I believe, from what I've seen, and I know at times she's struggled. And I think we all have struggled. So let's find maybe this can be a takeaway, how we can make this problem go away, right? So. I don't know if anybody...Lewanda, you know, you said you wanted to mention something; I know Art's pretty, you know, tech -- tech-connected; I know he's done a lot over the recent past to get more, you know, in -- in connection with his iPhone and that, so. Lewanda, go ahead, and then we can hear from Eric, too. See what his thoughts are.

Miranda: Well, I -- I did get the System 7 set-aside figured out. I spent a Saturday working on it. I finally did get it figured out, so I know there are ways for people to learn, but, you know, instead of just sending some form to fill out and nobody knowing what to do, I think it would be nice if during in-service we could have a little training on some of these forms for the different adaptive equipment that people have to use. So that's what I'm hoping for.

Hauth: OK. And you're working on that with Kathy, so. I don't know, Art, if you have any comment you want to make, or if we want to hear from Eric, or anybody else, but let me know.

Art Stevenson: One thing -- the one thing I would just like to state, Randy, is that it might be helpful if there was a clearer understanding of what is a reasonable accommodation. And so I'll just throw that out so Lewanda can hear it, and maybe Eric can think about it a little bit. But clearly, the ADA does specifically state, you know, reasonable accommodations, and maybe a clearer understanding of what the agency believes is reasonable, and maybe what the managers believe is reasonable.

Hauth: Alright. Thank you. Anybody else? OK. Eric, do you have anything to...I mean, I know we've talked about this a little bit. Do you have any -- weigh in on this?

Morris: Yeah, Randy, thank you. You know, to Art's point and to Lewanda's point, you know, the agency wants to provide accessible documents. But I think the thing that we run into in some cases, the documents are accessible, but there's a difference between accessibility and understanding. 'Cause most spreadsheets are accessible. In fact, every spreadsheet I've ran into is accessible. They're not always easy to understand and navigate through. So that's the -- that's where we need to kind of dig a little deeper, if -- if a document's not accessible, we -- we could fix that. I mean, there's always a way to fix it. But if it's something that people simply don't understand because of how they're accessing it, or their level of training around whatever piece of technology they're using to do it, that's also something we can work on. So it's just figuring out what the best -- best method is. Like the...the quarterly report, year-end report I sent out recently, I put that out in an Excel -- not in an Excel spreadsheet, but in a PDF. So, you know, if -- it that's more -- if that's easier for people to, A, access, 'cause it -- both were accessible, the -- the spreadsheet and the PDF. But is it more easy to understand -- ultimately that's the goal we're after, is people can get information, or get a document and be able to fill it out, or understand what it is. So it's just a matter of doing a little problem-solving and digging a little deeper to see, is it -- is it the form? Is it the information that's embedded in the form? Is it how we're accessing it and trying to -- try to figure it out that way.

Hauth: Yeah. I -- I think that's well noted, so. And...you know, and I am sure, you know, there's some columns within, like, the quarterly report, that are much more important to the committee than others, you know, so. Yeah, so however we can get that information to be, you know, understood, and easily accessed, that'd be great, so. Any -- any other comments on this? Alright. What do we have next, Lin?

Jaynes: Next up under old business --

Hauth: [inaudible] I'm sorry if I sound a little bit sombre, but I'm trying to be quiet because we have a sleeping baby in the next room and I do not want to wake that sucker up, thank you very much.

Jaynes: Next -- next up --

Hauth: Go ahead.

Jaynes: Complaint and request for elected committee advocacy.

Hauth: OK. So I [inaudible] as a blind vendor, kind of, as a -- as a blind vendor, February second I was informed by AAG Gunn Merrill that the agency was only referring a complaint that I had filed with the agency that, you know, talked about disparate treatment and discrimination and so forth and so on, and initially that complaint, just to recap, initially that complaint was denied by the agency, saying it wasn't submitted in a timely manner, and so I challenged the limitation of my due process rights, and also, you know, that it was a timely submission, and some other things within that, but February second was when I found out that the agency was only referring the matter of the timeliness on the complaint, and the other underlying issues were not being sent to the administrative law judge for consideration, and so I'm in the process of considering how best to address that, and I've had some thoughts. I am going to, most likely, seek the advocacy of the Elected Committee in the -- in the very near future. I'm not ready to do that yet, but I did want to share that with the Elected Committee. And again, you know, I, you know, I hate to, and I think others hate to, file complaints, because one, you know, it's not always the best way to address things, but it's really our only way to do it. As a blind vendor, we're pigeonholed into that process, and if you don't go through it, they -- they claim you didn't go through it. So you have to go through the steps. But again, I'm open to addressing these issues, if we can, outside of that process, because what happens, as you all know, we lose in the first arena. [inaudible] basically have to frame up the issue so you can put it forward to arbitration, where it's a much more fair playing field. But that said, I just wanted to let you know that I most likely, as a blind vendor, will be seeking the advocacy, to receive, transmit, and advocate on behalf of [inaudible], so. Anything else? We'll go back to...OK.

Art Stevenson: I feel your pain, Randy.

Hauth: [inaudible] I know. I know you do.

Art Stevenson: I feel your pain.

Hauth: I know you do. Yep. What else do we have there?

Jaynes: Alright, next up on -- under old business is 20 million, RSA guidance.

Hauth: OK, so I know, I mean, this is like, this is some good news, actually, and with all the bad news that we've had over the last year, you know, they celebrated the -- they celebrated the lockdown of Oregon, right, the year commemoration of Oregon being basically locked down, and we can all remember a year ago not exactly knowing what was going on, and not knowing how to do it, and, you know, Jay Inslee was actually, you know, letting people die right and left up in Seattle, and nobody was putting masks on, and in my opinion, Kate Brown had to be bullied into, you know, doing something by Wheeler, you know, and, I mean, you know, the -- the [inaudible] going up, people were dying, there wasn't anywhere to put 'em, there was no vaccine in no place, there was no treatments. I mean, you know, the entire world was [inaudible] what the hell happened. But anyway, so the good news is, and then most of the blind vendors, you know, lost -- have lost their businesses or retired, lost a lot of earnings from those, and, you know, people aren't working, and people are working from home, but the good news is, NABM, Terry Smith and Nicky Gacos and I think some others, advocated for some assistance to be included in one of the -- one of the bills that came out. And they were asking for more than 20 million dollars, and they were asking for some other things to be included in that, but fast forward, 20 million dollars did come out to be distributed to blind vendors across the land. And so recent guidance from RSA has come out on that. I've been on a number of phone calls with national leaders; I know Art has, I know Lewanda has, and maybe some other people have. I know Eric, I'm sure, has talked about it with directors' calls that he's on monthly. And I know, you know, the NCSAB and RSVA, blah, blah, blah, but with -- with all that said, my understanding is that 20 million came out, and they took the number of managers per the RSA-15 report of, I think, 2019, and they allocated a certain amount of money to be given to that number. So there were 15  managers within that RSA-15 report in 2019; there was like 11,500 dollars. I could be wrong on that, but 11,500 is supposed to go to each one of them. But then, as well, what we found is that through the legislative, like, language around that, the congress -- the action, congressional action, wanted to make sure that a blind vendor was not -- not at all affected, right? They continued, maybe they had a military dining hall, and they continued to make as much money, if not more, than they were before, or somebody had another location and they weren't affected. So what they put in the language was that, you know, this money goes to a blind manager other than if that manager was compensated in another way. And so, I know over the last couple months there's been a lot of going back and forth, and, gosh, how long is this gonna take, and there's opening up for comments, and, you know, it does sound to me like if we can get a plan in place with our state agency, certainly the requirement is put on the committee and the state to work together through active participation, because the Commission has to send that plan to RSA to get approved. And I think they're doing that to keep state agencies from just doing whatever they think they wanna do. I'm not saying the Oregon Commission for the Blind, because, you know, so far I've personally seen some good -- good faith, you know, at least forward, good faith efforts by the agency. As they're trying to understand it, we're trying to understand it, but during this whole process, you know, there's a lot of questions that were asked and answered, and I know those went out, but even those questions sometimes, you know, were not necessarily either what we wanted to hear, or exactly as [inaudible] but what I understand is that you, as a manager -- a manager has to have shown losses in 2020 versus 2019. And they had to, step one, they had to show losses. And step two, they still had to show losses even if and after they got unemployment or PPP or any of those type of things. So, and I know Eric'll talk about this, but so if somebody lost, you know, 50,000, 60,000 dollars, and they received unemployment, that being 15,000, and they got, you know, 5,000 from PPP, they still have, in my understanding, they still have generated great enough losses that they're still eligible to receive the money. Because that money has -- those losses have not been otherwise compensated. I mean, I don't think anybody's ever gonna be made -- anybody who was damaged by this is never gonna be made whole again, but, you know, I'd like to see -- I'd like to see managers be able to access evenly these monies that, you know, the 11,500, but it sounds to me like the agency is suggesting, and maybe...

Art Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry. Let me fin -- let me just finish up real quick. I'm sorry about that. But it sounds to me like the agency is suggesting that if you didn't have great enough losses in 2020, of over whatever it is, you know, if you didn't have any losses, then you don't qualify. Or if you do have losses, but your unemployment took away those losses, then you don't qualify; you still have to justify your losses. However, ironically, what I'm understanding, too, is kinda strange: like, if a manager came into the program in 2020, and opened a facility, and then if they even were only open for one day and they shut down, they're still eligible for the benefits. Now, you know, that manager, or those managers, which I understand there's a lot across the land that [inaudible] this, that manager, how would they ever show that they have losses, right? And how are they ever going to justify those losses...versus 2020, 2019. But with all that said, you know, I think we're, you know, I -- you know, I'd call on the agency to be as flexible with this and the committee, and to work together with the committee to try and find ways to, you know, get, you know, get this worked out, and maybe not have them feel like they're jeopardizing the intent of this. You know, it's been told to me by a few people that, gosh, you know, RSA let a lot of flexibility here for you guys, but maybe that's not the agency's take on it. So let me turn this over to Eric and then we'll, I'm sure, have some questions. But Eric, you go ahead correct anything I've said there, or, you know, follow -- follow up on it from the agency's point of view.

Morris: Sure, Randy. I -- I don't have anything to correct in your -- your presentation because I think you outlined it pretty well. I think the one thing I might just dive a little deeper into is that the way -- the way that we're interpreting it is that if somebody has losses, and just real quickly, I think I put this in the note yesterday, RSA just updated the...the estimated award grant. So I guess one of the states had a -- a mess-up on their RSA-15, so it skewed everybody's number. So instead of 179,000 and some change, we're gonna get 181,000. So that's about 12,000 dollars, 12,086 dollars, I think, per -- if you divide it out for 15 managers. So Randy's right: when you talk about the -- the wiggle room within the -- the frequently asked questions, the -- the states are asking RSA for some clarification 'cause the -- the frequently asked questions were the right questions, I think, but the answers were -- were just -- they weren't clear about, you know, how we're supposed to actually do what they're saying. So long story short, the piece that I wanted to clarify on, is if, let's say somebody had only 5,000 dollars in losses after they received, like the -- the money that the agency paid out to people, and let's say they got some unemployment, so it -- it pushed 'em down they only had 5,000 dollars worth of losses, my thought is, if people are below that 12,000 threshold, that we would pay them up to the amount of un -- uncovered losses that they have. We'd just pay 'em in full for those losses. And then let's say it's -- let's say it's 5,000 dollars. We pay that to them. That other 7,000 dollars that would be remaining as an average would just be spread across the managers who have had losses above that 12,000 dollar range. So that's my thought to fully expend it, because some of the managers, you know, once you get to a certain point, there's managers who have, I mean, everybody's got significant losses, but above that 12,000 range is -- is the vast majority of people, so that's my thought.

Hauth: Yeah, and Eric, just so you know, that's what I've heard is going on out there, and again, you know, I mean, personally, I think that's probably the -- the -- the best and fairest way to do it. And, you know, the other thing I -- I did -- I did say kind of sarcastically, oh, do we have to count our food boxes too, and hopefully you knew that was a joke, but anyway, when they talked about that relief and some of the other things, I don't know necessarily that anybody received rent relief, or even why that's in there, because it wasn't -- it wasn't, you know, it isn't program-relative, and I do know that, you know, in talking with Lewanda and a few others, maybe, Lewanda, you want to, you know, share this, but as far as the PPP loan. So I don't know if you want to have any comments on this, Lewanda, or not, but, you know, with -- with all that said, I, you know, the way I'm seeing it, that -- that looks like that's how it's rolling out across the land, but Lewanda...? Lewanda, are you there?  
Miranda: I'm [inaudible] there. Am I off mute?

Hauth: You are.

Miranda: OK.

Hauth: Yep, you are. Hey, hey, don't pull an Art Stevenson [inaudible].

[laughter]

Miranda: Well, my question is, with the PPP loans, those are loans. Some may be forgiven, some may not be forgiven. Also, the PPP loan was for people to keep their employees, help them out to -- to make wages and stuff. So I -- I -- I really don't agree with that.

Morris: And, Lewanda, this is Eric. I -- I -- I totally understand what you're saying, 'cause I'm -- I'm looking at it the same way. And that's -- that's why I think our state and many other states across the land have asked RSA for clarification, 'cause in the -- the FAQ they're like, just, it's -- it's individual, based on a case by case basis. It's like, well, based on what? I mean, that -- that's the part that's not clear. So I think the thing that we -- we have consensus between the Elected Committee and the agency is we want to spread it -- spread the funds equally, as much as we can, equally across the -- the managers. But the -- the piece that we don't have clarity on yet is, how to interpret what -- what offsets losses, or what's being used to offset losses. [inaudible] the PPP, is it the, you know, the other -- the other fun -- all of a sudden I'm drawing a blank on the other funds. You know, how we're supposed to, quote, interpret that on a case-by-case basis, is what we're hoping for more clarity on.

Miranda: OK. Yeah, that sounds good. It needs more clarification.

Hauth: So, any --. Yeah. Is there a way, so, you know, I know we'll have other questions around this, but -- or, I think we will. But is there a way that we can move together to try and start to develop and craft that plan for submission, and then await, you know, await the other guidance that may change that? So if something changes that then, I mean, if -- obviously, managers need to get money in their hands. Most managers have been extremely, you know, hurt. All managers, I believe, have been hurt. But, you know, without waiting and waiting and waiting, is there something we can do to move that -- move that forward, you know? I mean, let us know, so.

Morris: Well, Randy --

Hauth: Is there any question, more questions? Go ahead, Eric. Go ahead, Eric.

Morris: I was just gonna say, Randy, I think if the Elected Committee was to -- to pass a motion that said, hey, we wanna -- we wanna evenly distribute the funds across the -- the Oregon Vending Facility Managers within RSA's guidance, I think that gives us enough, you know, doc -- 'cause they want documentation that we actively participated about it.

Hauth: Right.

Morris: Obviously, that -- that wouldn't be the final straw in the process, but I don't think it's gonna have to be a -- a multi-page plan that we have to submit to them.

Hauth: Sure.

Morris: I think they just want it short and sweet.

Hauth: So, do we -- do we have a board member that wants to make that motion?

Art Stevenson: Hey Randy?

Hauth: Yes, Art.

Art Stevenson: OK. Well, you know, after reading your document, Eric, you know, you did talk about...I believe you said twelve of the fifteen had losses, and three didn't, or...some continued to work and stuff like that, and -- and so, did you also consider in your calculations or in your thoughts, losses of inventory and -- and those kinda things? Not knowing, you know, everything that you were looking at. Because obviously, recovering lost inventory -- 'cause I know a lot of the managers also, you know, they not only lost their -- their income, they lost a huge amount of inventory. And we had talked about the managers, once things opened up, maybe being able to take out another loan, and -- and paying it back, but from my understanding, you know, inventory -- and I know some states have, you know, recouped the losses of some managers on their inventory, but I know that, you know, here in Oregon, none of that's been covered yet. And so I just want to make sure that you were considering that in our lost calculations, because I do believe that was part of what was being sought after for this assistance.

Morris: Art, that's a -- that's a good question. If it was documented on the managers' monthly reports, it's for sure in there. I know at least one manager that I was looking at that was part of the calculation, 'cause they documented it on their monthly report. If there was stuff that wasn't documented, obviously I -- I didn't have that right in front of me. To Randy's question yesterday, if we -- if we don't include any of the funds that were paid out like from the agency or anything else, it was thirteen of fifteen managers -- I think that's what the -- what it was -- were in the category of like, twelve grand or better. When you -- when you take out the monies that we paid out just from the agency, that 4500, you know, in the spring and in the -- in the late -- or, wintertime, it was five -- or, ten out of fifteen would qualify for the 12,000 dollars, and actually it would be -- it would be higher, because of the factoring in the amounts that we would pay out to the -- the people who didn't lose that much, we would, you know, basically cash them out in full, is what I was calculating it. And then the rest would go back to the pool. And so I think the -- the higher payout was...I can't remember what it was right this second. But it would be a higher payout to those who had losses above that 12,000 dollar figure.

Art Stevenson: Mm-hm. OK. Well, and I had brought that up in -- in one of our sessions about, you know, listing losses of product, you know, stuff going out of date, so it would be a line item in our report. And of course, that was never changed so it was a line item in our reports, and so, you know, obviously, you know, I keep it documented every month from what I lost in products, and of course could produce that, but in our financial reports, there isn't a line item for, you know, inventory going out of date and stuff. And so I don't know how we could list it in the reports if there wasn't the line item. Do you remember when I brought that up?

Morris: I'm sorry, Art, I don't remember that. But I'm sure you did.

Art Stevenson: Yeah. Well, OK. So anyways, as long as -- and, you know, if we could document that we had losses, then obviously, you know, I -- I bought a -- like, for instance, I bought a bunch -- I had just got delivered a bunch of pastries, which I sold at the prison, and that's the only place I sold it, and of course they closed down the visiting, and therefore I had all this -- these pastries that didn't get used. And, you know, I had no place to put 'em or anywhere. So anyways, I just wanted to make sure that those kinda things get covered also. I mean, I don't --

Hauth: Yeah.

Art Stevenson: -- I don't have any problems with, you know, reaching the 12,000 dollars or the maximum --

Morris: Nah, you -- you won't, Art.

Hauth: Yeah, and I think -- Art, Art, I think the -- I mean, obviously, you make a good point. I think the motion that Eric suggested, I think that's going in the right direction, and, you know, I'll be quite honest: I might be at odds with the agency, and so many -- many others in a lot of ways, maybe rightfully so, but, you know. I think the agency has been working pretty -- pretty good on this with us, and, you know, they're not trying to hide the ball. They're [inaudible] trying to -- you know, so, I think if we could, you know, entertain a motion like that, like Eric suggested, that will get us going forward. And then, again, I know when he responded yesterday, maybe there's other things that, you know, as documented, can be considered as we move forward. We'll see. But if somebody wants to make --

Miranda: Chairman Hauth?

Hauth: Yes.

Miranda: I'd like to make a motion that we...that we...just give me a second. That we pay -- that everyone receives the same amount, across the board.

Hauth: In -- in -- in accordance with RSA guidance, right? So, I think the motion, Lewanda, if you can make a motion, I think it was that every...every manager receive equal disbursements of the money within RSA guidance, something like that, so.

Miranda: Sounds good.

Art Stevenson: I second the motion.

Hauth: That motion -- that motion's been made. There's a second. Any discussion around that?

Jaynes: I second the motion.

Hauth: OK. I think it got seconded and thirded. So any discussion around that?

Art Stevenson: You want anything added to that, Eric?

Morris: No, Art, I think -- am I off mute -- am I off mute? No, I -- I think that sounds good, and I -- I was just gonna add --. Well, I'll -- I'll talk after you guys are done. I got one more comment on it.

Hauth: OK. OK, we'll vote. Yea or nay, Art?

Art Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: I wonder if [inaudible] I wonder if we have to do a [inaudible] --

Art Stevenson: Conflict of interest.

Hauth: -- [inaudible] conflict, yeah.

Art Stevenson: OK.

Hauth: [inaudible]

Art Stevenson: I may have -- I may have a possible conflict of interest, but I vote yea.

Hauth: OK. Lin?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: You may have a potential conflict of interest. I would just state it, you know. It's silly, but it wouldn't hurt to do it.

Jaynes: I -- I -- I may have a conflict of interest, and I vote yea.

Hauth: OK. Lewanda? Lewanda?

Miranda: Am I on?

Hauth: You are.

Miranda: OK. I may have a potential conflict of interest; however, I vote yea.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: There may be a conflict of interest, but I vote yes.

Hauth: OK. And I have a potential conflict of interest. I'll vote yes. That motion passes. OK, Eric, go ahead.

Morris: Yeah, Randy, I was just gonna say on that -- that form that I sent out the other day, I think we should go ahead and collect the data from everybody in case RSA -- 'cause RSA wants -- they said in their guidance that we need to have some way of documenting what people got and what they didn't. Obviously, we don't know what other benefits people may or may not have had, but the thing that Art was bringing up, if there are other losses that we're not aware of, I can add that onto the form, so we can ask that when we're calling people and kinda close the loop up on that form.

Hauth: Yeah. And again, it has to be documented, you know, like Art said, as well, so. Yeah, that -- that'd be great, so. OK. What do we have next?  
Jaynes: Last on the agenda is deferment of set-aside payments.

Hauth: OK. Eric, the floor is yours.

Morris: Yeah, thank you, Randy. I -- I wish I had a big, long speech to talk about this, 'cause I -- I wish I could say, hey, it's so cool, we're gonna be opening up soon, and we wanna get back to normal operations. But my -- my suggestion would be that we keep in place the deferments that we've had, and, you know, continuing to do it for another quarter until the end of the second quarter and have the discussion again. 'Cause I think -- I think by the end of the second quarter, we're gonna have a much better idea of recovery efforts for the program, just from a financial perspective, and from a, "hey, we're gonna be opening businesses back up, I hope," perspective. So that would be my -- my guidance, is that we keep the deferment in place for another quarter. Obviously, people can pay if they -- if they're capable of paying, and we'll just keep things as they are for right this second, if you guys are open to that.

Hauth: I think that sounds good to me.

Miranda: Sounds good to me, too.

Hauth: People can take advantage of it if they want, you know, so.

Morris: Yeah, it's not a -- it's not a --

Hauth: OK, anything --

Morris: Yeah, it's not mandatory, but, yeah.

Hauth: OK. Any -- anything else from anybody?

Art Stevenson: Are -- are we gonna -- do we need to make a motion that it continues, Randy? That we support the continuance of it?

Hauth: Well, it wouldn't -- it wouldn't hurt -- it wouldn't hurt, Art.

Art Stevenson: OK. I move that we continue with the set-aside deferment policy that we've been going -- doing during the pandemic, and managers can defer or pay their set-aside as they see fit.

Hauth: OK, a motion's been made. Do I have a second?

Jaynes: I second it.

Miranda: Second.

Hauth: OK. Any discussion? OK. Vote, yea or nay. Art Stevenson?

Art Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lin Jaynes?

Jaynes: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Yea.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yea.

Hauth: Steve Jackson? OK. And Randy Hauth says yea. OK, that motion passes. Anything else before we leave? Other than I'll let you guys know that you all woke up the kid, so good job on that. I'm just kidding.

[undetermined]: Uh-huh.

Hauth: So, anyway, anything -- anything else?

Garcia: I have a question. It's Trevor.

Hauth: Sure, Trevor.

Garcia: And I don't know if this is the right forum to ask the question, but does anybody know anything about how we're amending -- heard much about the employee retention credit?

Hauth: You know, I haven't -- I haven't heard anything about it yet, no. You know, I think -- I think reaching out to -- I think reaching out to Terry Smith would be, you know, a good idea. He could probably fill you in on that. I don't know if you have his email, but I can shoot you his email, unless somebody else on the line has an idea.

Garcia: I do. Yeah, I do.

Hauth: OK.

Garcia: Yeah, I could definitely reach out to him. I mean, it was a big portion of --

Hauth: Yeah.

Garcia: -- [inaudible] if -- if we qualify, which it sounds like, from a conference I attended, we do. It's like 19,000 -- I -- I wanna say it's for employees, but it's -- it's a big credit. However, I don't yet know how [inaudible] apply for it yet, because it sounds like it has to be a form that the IRS sends. So I just thought I'd point that out.

Hauth: Sure.

Garcia: It was a pretty substantial --

Hauth: Yeah, and I -- I -- I don't know. Hey, hey, Trevor, I'll tell you what, if you send me -- if you send me a question, I will send it to my accountant, and I'm sure he can give you -- he can give us an answer, so if you don't mind doing that, I'll do that as well, so. You know, there's gonna be a lot of moving pieces as we go forward, right? Most of you just saw, I know Lewanda sent out that, you know, the tax deadline has been, you know, put forward again, and, I mean, you know, there's probably gonna be other stimulus packages and options and tax deferrals. There's gonna be a ton of stuff that, you know, our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be paying for forever, but I guess it's most likely needed to put the world back together, so. Be interesting to see the different options as they come up, but. If there's nothing else, or if there's anything else, let me know, and if not, we can go ahead and adjourn the meeting.

Morris: Have a good night, everybody.

**Motions**

1. **"...to adopt [the February 25th meeting minutes]."**

Proposed: Lin Jaynes. Seconded: Lewanda Miranda. Passed. Steve Jackson not present.

1. **"...that we send in our concerns to Randy and then compile a list and that those be sent to Eric and Dacia Johnson, and I will include the Commissioners on the issues that we believe do need to be addressed, and no longer ignored concerning issues in our program."**

Proposed: Art Stevenson. Seconded: Lewanda Miranda. Passed. Derrick Stevenson not present.

1. **"...that every manager receive April disbursements of the money within RSA guidance."**

Proposed: Lewanda Miranda. Seconded: Art Stevenson. Passed. Derrick Stevenson not present. All other five BECC members noted a possible conflict of interest.

1. **"...that we continue with the set-aside deferment that we've been doing during the pandemic, and managers can defer or pay their set-aside as they see fit."**

Proposed: Art Stevenson. Seconded: Lin Jaynes. Passed. Derrick Stevenson not present.