**BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM OF OREGON BECC Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**3:30 PM-5:00PM**

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**Agenda**

• Any agenda item may become an action item.

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

1. Called to order- Chairman Hauth
   1. Roll call.
   2. Disposition of past meeting minutes.
2. Public Comments.
3. Chairman Hauth/Director Morris Reports/Comments.
4. Training/Education.
   1. Fall In-service.
   2. Facilities Development, site surveys, combining facilities.
   3. Nominations for (3) positions, as follows;

Portland 1- currently held by Steve Jackson.

Salem 1- currently held by Art Stevenson.

Outlying areas- currently held by Lin Jaynes.

1. New Business.
   1. Governor Kate Brown’s vaccination mandate.
   2. Jackson/Josephine County Vending Facility.
   3. BPA/PSOB.
   4. Transfer and Promotion.
2. Old Business.
   1. Self-service Initiative, current rollout challenges.
   2. Response from accounting, yearly unincurred business expenses.
3. Closing Comments.

Adjournment

**Transcript**

Hauth: Anyway, hey, everybody! Let's go ahead and get started. I know we have a fun filled packed agenda today. So, we'll go ahead and open the meeting. Start by taking roll call of the board. I think I heard Derrick Stevenson?

D Stevenson: Here.

Hauth: Art Stevenson?

A Stevenson: Here.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Here.

Hauth: Lin Jaynes? And Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Here.

Hauth: Okay, thank you. And now to the managers. Do we have Harold Young?

Miranda: He won't be here today. He had to get his air conditioner fixed.

Hauth: Okay, do we have Char McKinzie? Or Char Hawkins? How about Jerry Bird? I know we do have Trevor Garcia.

Garcia: Here.

Hauth: Hey, Trevor! All right, and… So, what might be easier this way, ‘cause when I called in it said there was only like seven people on the call so, maybe it's better… Are there any managers out there that would like to be identified?

Kinney: I'm here Randy. It's Carole.

Hauth: Hey, Carole.

Bever: Shawn Bever's here.

Hauth: Hey, Shawn. Okay, anyone else? Okay, any members of the public? All right. Eric, you're here. Anybody with ya?

Morris: No, it's me Randy.

Hauth: All right. Lin or Lewanda? Can either… Well, Lin's not on, so Lewanda, I don't know if you can help open that agenda and just help step me through it, I'd sure appreciate it, so...

Miranda: Disposition of past meeting minutes.

Hauth: Okay, so disposition of meeting minutes. I know that we traditionally adopt these as recorded. I also know that they come out verbatim. I know it sometimes difficult for people to review ‘em in their entirety, you know, but anyway, I know those did come out. I'd like to take a motion to adopt the minutes as recorded.

A Stevenson: I so move.

Hauth: Okay, motion's been made. Do we have a second?

Miranda: I'll second.

Hauth: Second's been made. Any discussion around that? Okay, hearing no discussion, yea or nay? Derek Stevenson? Derrick? How about Art?

A Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yes.

Hauth: And I'll vote yes as well. I don't know, Derrick, if you're back on the line yet?

D Stevenson: Yes.

Hauth: Okay, so, that motion passes. Thank you, and what do we have next, Lewanda?

Miranda: Public comment.

Hauth: Okay, public comment. Anybody like to make a public comment, please let me know and I'll give you the floor. Okay, go one more. Going twice.

Garcia: Sold.

Hauth: Three times.

Garcia: I, so, hi Randy, this is Trevor. Just something to think, something to think about, and I, maybe this will be discussed more when we get to the section where it applies, is how we will address the situation where if somebody mentioned that they wanted to get, they were feeling uncomfortable with the vaccine and then the steps to take in that case. How we would go about processing that in before the October 18th deadline as that wind in date? Attached executive order, 2129. So, maybe something to think about.

A Stevenson: We’re definitely gonna discuss it, yeah.

Hauth: Yeah, and we do have that, yeah… We do have that on the agenda, Trevor. So yes, we are gonna discuss it [inaudible], so...

Garcia: Right. Sure. I thought I'd put that on the table just as a possibility.

Hauth: Yep. I appreciate it. Anything else? Okay, okay, what do we have next?

Miranda: We have Chairman Hauth, Director Morris, report comments.

Hauth: Okay, Eric, I don't know if you have anything. I'll let you go first, I don’t really have much to report other than, you know, through the meeting. I'm sure I'll weigh in as appropriate.

Morris: Yeah, Randy, I’ve, I've got some things to talk about.

Hauth: Okay.

Morris: So, I was, I was going…

Hauth: The [inaudible]…

Morris: Thank you. I was going through my punchlist of things that we didn't talk about during August, so circling back to set-aside reports and the payment of set-aside. As we're getting ready to get back into, you know, trying to get back to some state of normal, I think it's important we start getting back to people getting their reports in on time, and, you know, if people aren't making a lot of money they're obviously not paying a lot of set-aside. So, I think, you know, it's important that we start doing that process again. Obviously, people who are in repayment agreements and stuff, I think that we could go ahead and extend those. But I think payment of set-aside for those people who are open and running, I think is important that we start doing that again. And the penalties and stuff that go along with late reporting, we've definitely seen a big drop off in people not reporting on time, so that's definitely something I want to talk about today. And then, if I could read my own writing here… Yeah, so, like to hear thoughts on that. Looking at the, I think this is probably general knowledge for everybody that has prisons and federal prisons, nothing has changed it would appear from the visiting information that I've been able to excess, access, for, you know, some reason they're, they're limiting people to not using the vending machines and we haven't got a clear answer about why that is. You know, Covid's not really a hand-to-hand contact kind of a spread, it's more of a, a vapor spread. So, there's no real change with that. I saw somewhere on the agenda they were talking about site surveys and things like that. We have found that they’re, the Treasury is building a new building which we're gonna do a site survey on as soon as we can get that set up. I was a little surprised that somebody was building a new state building, but it's definitely interesting to hear that. Apparently, it's north of Costco in, on that side road in Salem. So, we'll definitely be investigating that. I think it's like 36,000 square feet, so it's a good sized building, but we definitely want to figure out what's going on with that building. And I believe since our last meeting, I just went back to June, we've had eight site surveys done, so... Yeah, so there's some things going on. Most of the time with sites is that people aren't so much standing up new vending and stuff like that, they're trying to get vending kind of restarted, ‘cause as, as you guys know, a lot of places, you know, they depopulated during the pandemic, so a lot of contractors and a lot of you guys just aren't servicing at a higher frequency rate in a lot of those places. Now as people are coming back, we're getting quite a few calls saying hey, you know, we, we'd like some service ‘cause we have people back in the buildings now. So that's obviously been a topic over the last few months. And then the last thing, the technical assistance, the TAC that came out from RSA, it's been several months ago now, it seems like a lifetime ago, dealing with the unassigned federal vending. I was looking through my notes on that, and as we were talking in the last meeting about combining the Southern Oregon route, I think that's gonna take up the vast majority of our federal locations. But I think that addresses most of those from the notes that I have, but I'm gonna go back and double check. I think there might be a few stragglers out there. But most of them I think are gonna be taken up by the combination of those three routes into the Southern Oregon route. So, that's what I have today.

A Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: All right Eric, thank you. Yes, Art.

A Stevenson: So, you mentioned, Eric, that there have been eight surveys done since, I think you said June, or, or whatever? And we had an agreement that you were gonna be providing us those surveys, and so can we expect to get those in the near future?

Morris: Yeah, we can, Art. Do you guys know if we're gonna do another subcommittee meeting for the vending facility development? By any ch—…

Miranda: Yeah, sure we can, we can plan one.

Morris: Okay.

Miranda: Should I put one out for about two weeks from now? Is that all right with, with you Chairman Hauth and Director Morris and the rest of you guys? Is that all right? Two weeks?

Morris: That'd work for me.

Hauth: Yeah, I mean I'm, yeah, I’m, I'm good with it. And, and you know I do, do know that, I do know the subcommittee, you know, deals with those type of things but I, I do believe that, like Art had mentioned, there was some sort of agreement. And I don't have it in front of me, but that those would be provided. And maybe during that meeting, we can figure out the best way to provide those more in a timely manner, but that's just my thoughts. Go ahead, Art.

A Stevenson: Well, I thought, you know, I thought we voted that the surveys would go ahead and be, you know, sent out to the elected committee members and obviously, you know, Lewanda's the chair of that, of the vending facility development committee, but I thought we had agreed that, you know, we would shoot out a copy to the members of the elected committee. And so, I agree Lewanda definitely needs to have it ‘cause she's the chair and, and we can, you know, make sure that that happens. Of course, she's on the committee so she would get it, but I, I do believe that the motion was for the members of the elected committee to receive the, the, the surveys. And if we need to remake that motion, I'll be glad to do that. But, you know, I do think that the elected committee should have copies of those when they are done.

Morris: Yeah, I, I, Art, I'll own, Art, I'll own that. I just for some reason that's something I just haven't been able to, I just keep forgetting to do it. So, I'll own that.

Miranda: Could you get those out to us before the, the facilities development committee meeting in two weeks?

Morris: Oh, yeah. That shouldn't be a problem.

Miranda: Okay, all right. Next item!

Hauth: All right, anybody else?

Miranda: Well, it might be good if he goes through his list real quick and then we can get to all of his items because it's kinda hard to remember. One is the, the…

Hauth: Sure, if you can just.

Miranda: Yeah, maybe, maybe just one item at a time.

Hauth: Sure, if you can just... Yeah, that's a good idea Lewanda, if, if you could just touch base real quick on what you've gone through and then what, I can just ask for questions, so...

Morris: You want me to go back through it? Real quick?

Miranda: Yeah.

Hauth: Well, just the, kinda just the.

Morris: Okay, yeah no, no problem, I just, I wasn't quite sure if you were talking to me. So, set-aside, and set-aside reporting.

Hauth: Okay, what do we want to do on that, you guys? What's the, what's the position, what's the concerns, what're we gonna do on this?

A Stevenson: Well.

Hauth: Anything?

Miranda: If you had…

A Stevenson: Um?

Miranda: So, Eric are you asking that the people that are already back to work start paying it? Or what? Could you repeat yourself?

Morris: Yeah, so…

Miranda: I'm not really, I'm not real clear. Okay.

Morris: Yeah, no, that's okay. And I wasn't terribly clear, I'm sure, when I was trying to explain it. I think we need to get back to the routine of doing set-aside reporting. And everybody's been reporting, not necessarily in a timely basis, and you know, the, I know there's lots of mitigating factors during the pandemic and stuff, but we need to get back to that routine of, of doing set-aside reporting, and for those people who are open, they'll obviously have some set-aside to pay. For those people who are closed, and they're still reporting, you know, they won't have to pay any set-aside, but we'll still be getting the reporting on time. It's pretty crucial, especially as we go into… ‘Cause the end of the fiscal year for the feds is this month. So, next month, we need to get everybody's reports in on time for September especially, because we have to start building the RSA-15 report, which apparently, I just got an email today from RSA saying that there's a new RSA-15 report, which I, I've heard nothing about. So, I'm hoping that they're just maybe doing a different process for some kind of a training regarding the RSA-15 report, but that timeliness factor is super important. And quite frankly, it's not gonna hurt to have the set-aside monies coming in, as we start to reopen operations, ‘cause we've, you know, there's a definite need for lots of different little things in the different facilities as we open back up.

Miranda: The people that owe back support from the Covid, are you going to work with them to, to have a, a pay schedule?

Morris: Yeah, for sure.

Miranda: To pay it back?

Morris: Yeah, and I, you know like there, there's, there's a few, I think there's three repayment agreements out there for inventory that're out there that we've been holding during the Covid pandemic. And I would think that as we look at starting to talk about repaying the Covid, you know the stuff we deferred during Covid, then we would probably push that out, you know, my instinct is to say six months from now for a starting date. So, which would obviously be open to, you know, depending on the circumstance, I mean, none of us thought that 18 months ago we would be here now, talking, you know, about what's going on. So…

Hauth: Okay, anybody else?

A Stevenson: Well, well, Randy, I'm, I just want to give some clarification here. So, I realize places have been closed down, and of course, you know, they weren't making any money but did we ever or, or did we ever say hey, you're excused from sending in a report? Or did managers just assume that, because I mean, I didn't experience zero income, so obviously I reported every month and stuff like that. But if, so, what we need to make clear to all the managers and I guess Eric just sending out, you know, an email that that says if you gotta go back, if you go back to work, you gotta report, that seems logical to me, and nobody should know that, I mean everybody should know that. That, you know, they have to turn in reports. But I guess you sending out an email and, and you know, clearing that up if you want to. I don't have any problem with that, in fact they should know that. But anybody that was receiving vending machine income or any of that kind of stuff should have been turning in reports anyway. I would assume.

Morris: Yeah, Art.

Hauth: Hey, I'd just like to... Go ahead.

Morris: Oh, I was just gonna say, sorry to interrupt, Art. Maybe I wasn't clear. Everybody has been reporting, some people have just had zero sense of urgency around reporting in a timely manner, which causes all sorts of, you know, just not a clear, clean process behind the scenes. So, I just want to get everybody back on track, getting their reports in by the 20th, getting payments in as they're being invoiced, that kind of stuff. And I, the big part of it is, ‘cause we took the penalties away, so if people have no motivation to get it in, you know, it's like we were before we had a penalty where people were just, like, doing it whenever they felt like it. So, I think getting the, the processes and stuff we had in pre-pandemic will get everybody back on track. Everybody has been reporting, it some of it's just been severely delayed was a good way to say it.

Hauth: Let me, let me just say something real quick here. So is my understanding, first of all, I think of I think is a big benefit to take advantage of and people chose, they needed to, as far as deferring set-aside. So, I mean that was, I think, by me I know that was grateful. Even though I paid my set-aside during the pandemic, I kept a close eye on it, you know, I would hold back a few months, and then pay, but that's what I chose to do. However, I didn't know or understand or expect anybody to report late. I don't think that was probably even the right thing to do. I think people were still supposed to be, you know, reporting and, you know, calculating if it was zero, or it was you know a hundred dollars. But, you know, that said, and we going forward, like, how do we make sure that, you know, I guess you're saying how do we make sure that people are going to are, are you gonna, are you planning on sending out a letter or a notice to people saying hey, now we need to start paying set-aside? This is what you owe and reminding them of the plan of repayment or how is that going to be handled?

Morris: Yeah, Randy, that's, I just wanted to make sure we talked about it here at the meeting, before I send out a note like that. My, my thoughts were to do it next week, to say, you know, hey, hey, we're, you know, just kind of like we just talked about, this this afternoon. And if people have questions, they can obviously reach out. I, I don't think most people will have questions but there's a few people and I don't have that right off the top of my head, who have, have not been paying, it's just been accruing, but the vast majority of people are pretty darn current when it comes to set-aside payments. So, I just wanted to get back on track.

Hauth: Okay, any, anything else on that before we move on to the next point? Okay, what's the next thing that you talked about, Eric?

Morris: Oh, excuse me.

Miranda: Training and education? Go ahead.

Morris: Oh, I just, I also touched on the Tac21-02 about the unassigned federal locations.

Hauth: Okay, any questions around that anyone? Okay, so is that where the vacation pay from the managers has been coming from Eric?

Morris: Yeah.

Hauth: Okay, and so, as that goes into a route, and is developed, then that vacation pay will cease.

Morris: Yeah, I think there's still some, there's still a few locations I think that aren't encompassed in that route. That's what I was gonna go back and double check, and I apologize for not pulling that up. So, it will decrease, yeah obviously, but I think there'll still be a little bit there.

Hauth: Okay, any other questions around that anyone? Okay, what, what's the next item that you talked about, Eric?

Morris: We also talked about the new Treasury building and the site surveys stuff, but we already talked about that stuff.

Hauth: Okay.

Morris: And that was it.

Hauth: Okay.

A Stevenson: Now that's, that's, that’s the Revenue Building, right?

Morris: No Art, Art, they were…

A Stevenson: Is, is that what you're talking about?

Morris: They were specifically calling it Treasury, that's what we need to investigate. But it was specifically called out as Treasury. ‘Cause I was thinking the same thing. I'm like Revenue has a big building, but apparently some of state Treasury is moving to this new location.

A Stevenson: Okay. So, there's gonna be…

Hauth: Okay, anything else?

A Stevenson: …a site survey done?

Morris: Yeah, we're gonna try to get that done as soon as possible, Art, ‘cause, yeah.

A Stevenson: Okay.

Hauth: Okay, what's next on the agenda?

Miranda: Training and education and A: Fall In-Service. And the date is November 20th. Virtual of course and I've been working with Kathy Ewing, every, one day every week on going over the, the results from the surveys and coming up with training ideas. And then she's also looking into getting some training classes from NAMA. And you know have them approve us to use it. And that's about it with that right now. Any questions on that? Okay. Site surveys and then we've already talked on that. Were you done with that, Art, on site surveys? We're good to move on?

A Stevenson: Yeah, I think so. Eric said he's gonna ship those out so I guess we'll, we'll send you a reminder, Eric.

Morris: Yeah, that'd be great Art. Thank you.

A Stevenson: Okay.

Miranda: Okay, and then the other one is combining facilities. So, the question for that one, Eric, is the concern is how one manager might have two facilities and they're split into two separate facilities. So, therefore, if we're late, we have to pay $50 twice? Is there a reason why you split them up like that? Like I have 2412 and 24, 2468 locations, facilities? Is there a reason why you there split up like that for one manager?

Morris: You know it's a good question, Lewanda. And I know I looked at this several years ago, it's probably been more than several years ago. Like Carole's route was the one that I remember looking at real hard cause it's her, her total facility is subdivided three, into three separate facilities that are County, Federal, and then like some vending. So, you know, in most cases they were separated out I think in the past, cause they were kinda that way when I got here. They were, they were separated out for reporting purposes, and I, I'm not quite sure why. I mean Central Oregon vs. Eastern Oregon kinda makes sense from a geographical standpoint, but I know one of the facilities that we've separated for reporting specifically in recent history was Harold's at Employment. So, for those of you who haven't been down there, there's the Employment, the Employment Building cafe, or snack bar, then right across the quad in another separate building, is the North Mall Coffee Cart. And they used to be reported as one unit there, and then when we did the big major remodel there for the North Mall Coffee Cart, we separated it out so we could track the profitability for that specific location based on the fact that it was a total remodel, and you know, all things being equal, could probably be a facility to itself if we had the, you know, if we had clean tracking on how much it was doing profitability wise. But if there's a real interest in that, I can go back and see if there's an opportunity for us to combine some of these, cause I, I agree, I mean it doesn't help us on this end to have multiple reports for a single facility if we don't need to.

A Stevenson: Well, because if, if you just want to know the breakout of sales, obviously when you have two separate cash registers you're gonna have two separate sales, and, and, so you know, you can do it that way. But also, if you wanted to, I mean each report, it could be made where you have the sales from the coffee cart and the sales from the other on the actual report and then, and then that would definitely make it much much easier for the manager concerning, concerning that matter. So, I, I, I, I would just like, you know, to make a motion that any of the units that we can combine, like, you know, Lewanda has all vending, and, and, and stuff and so, most definitely, you know, for ease and everything putting it together instead of making two reports. But if we don't want to do that, then, then we most definitely, I think, should say well, she has a late report, a late report, then she only gets charged for one, not two or, or something of that matter. And so, you know, we're gonna put all three of Southern Oregon together, and, and, and I think we just should try to be as consistent as possible. And I know, I didn't realize that Carole had her building federal and state and that's why you were wanting ‘em separate, but you know, putting it separate in the report and only one report needs to be done instead of doing two separate reports seems like it makes it easier for the manager. And if you can put all the information in one report, but just break it out, that might make it easier for both sides too anyway, because then you guys, Eric, would only have to look at one report and the manager would only have to fill out one report.

Morris: Yeah, Art, I, I think the one, the one thing as we're talking about this, ‘cause I'm trying to recall why when I was looking at it, part of it had to do with feeding into the RSA15 if I remember correctly. Cause it, you know our, our case management system build, helps build that RSA15 report. And I think there was some, that's why I want to go back and review it. But there's some factors around that of the data, cause like you're talking about, yeah it obviously makes sense if you're running two separate registers to get gross sales information, but when you boil it down to like net profits and stuff, you know, for like bids and stuff like that, it's, it's almost impossible to go back and separate it back out, into, you know, a clean bid kind of thing.

A Stevenson: Well, and you know, like, like me, Eric, the, the way I do my vending route, is I do, I make one deposit a month for all the locations, but I do a separate deposit for each location. And if you need the information from the federal, then I'm sure a manager would not mind, you know, making a separate deposit but, and, and have that information available for you if they are doing federal locations and stuff. So, I think if we work together, we could probably get you the information and make it easier for the, the managers just, just kinda streamline it, and the information that you absolutely need as far as sales go, you know, to be done separately. By a, by a separate deposit to keep the record for the manager and for you, so that you can verify it.

Morris: I, I, I don't disagree with you Art, I just, I'd like to address it after we book in 2021 on the, you know, under the RSA15.

A Stevenson: Okay. And I'll and, and, that's cool. You know, and I understand, I understand your logistics and, and stuff like that, and so let's definitely work on that. So, we can move on to the next one then!

Miranda: So, is this something that we can put on the agenda for the, for the next facility development meeting? Will you have your information by then, Eric?

Morris: Probably not in two weeks, Lewanda.

Miranda: Oh, okay. We'll do it in the next meeting.

A Stevenson: You could, you could start working on the logistics, you know maybe?

Miranda: Well, I, I can…

A Stevenson: Or have a discussion about it.

Miranda: I can put “update”…

A Stevenson: Yeah.

Miranda: I can put it in there update, and then if you have it, then you can give it, and if you don't then, then you don't.

Morris: Okay, that makes sense.

Miranda: Next we have nominations for three positions.

Hauth: Okay.

Miranda: I'll give you all three of them. Randy, I'll give you all three of them.

Hauth: Alright.

Miranda: First one, currently held by Steve Jackson. Salem 1, currently held by Art Stevenson, outlying, currently held by Lin Jaynes.

Hauth: Okay, so it's been a while since we've done this. So, correct me if I'm wrong, but I'll go ahead and start calling one by one, elections, or nominations for the positions, so. I'd like to open this for a nomination. Do I have any nominations for Portland 1 representative, currently held by Steve Jackson?

Miranda: I'll nominate Steve Jackson.

Hauth: Okay, so, nomination for Steve Jackson, do I have any other nominations for Portland 1? Do I have any other nominations currently for Portland 1? Okay, any other nominations for Portland 1? Okay, hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed for Portland 1. Alright, and Salem 1, is that correct? Salem 1, currently held by Art Stevenson. Do I have any nominations for Salem 1?

Miranda: I'll nominate Art Stevenson.

Hauth: Okay, Art Stevenson's been nominated for Salem 1. Do I have any other nominations for Salem 1?

Jackson: I also nominate Art Stevenson.

A Stevenson: Thanks, Steve.

Hauth: Do I have any other nominations for Salem 1? Do I have any other nominations for Salem 1? Okay, hearing no nomina--, other nominations, nominations are closed for Salem 1. And then outlying area, currently held by Lin Jaynes. Do I have any nominations for outlying area representative?

D Stevenson: I nominate Lin Jaynes.

Hauth: Okay, do I have any other nominations for outlying areas? Do I have any other nominations for outlying area? Okay, hearing no other nominations, nominations are closed for outlying area.

A Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Hauth: Yes! Art?

A Stevenson: Just for logistical purposes, I do know that, you know, Silver Creek Falls was, is a new location, and so I would just like to suggest that we place that location in, in my area. Currently, there is a three manage, three manager split for both areas, I do believe, and so since Char was in that area, I'd like to make a motion that we add that location into Salem 1.

Hauth: Okay, I'll accept that nomination, ask for a second and then we'll open it up for discussion. Do I have a second on that?

Miranda: Second.

D Stevenson: I second it.

Hauth: Okay, second. Any discussion? Eric, particularly from the agency, or anybody else? It's open for discussion. Okay.

Morris: I was just, I was just trying to make sure I'm off mute. Yeah, I don't disagree with Art, I think it's, it's outlying but it's not so far outlying that it's not like in the Salem neck of the woods. So that make sense to me.

Hauth: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, hearing no other discussion, we'll yea or nay. Derrick Stevenson?

D Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Art Stevenson?

A Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve Jackson? Steve?

Jackson: Yes.

Hauth: Okay, yeah, and I'll vote yes as well, motion passes. Okay, what do we have next?

Miranda: 5 is new business, A is Governor Kate Brown's vaccination mandate.

Hauth: Okay, who would like to head this up? Okay, I'll, I'll just start it, while I wait for, for others. But I do know that, you know, Art, are you ready?

A Stevenson: Yeah, I can, I can say something. Anyways we got, we got the paperwork from Eric, about the Governor's mandate, the vaccine mandate, and it, if, if, I understand it right, that the managers are going to be required to get vaccinated, all of their employees must be vaccinated also. One thing I do want to say is that it's kinda controversial right now. There are some lawsuits out there, and there is some discussion going on that a vaccine mandate is unconstitutional. And so, I can tell you that I know that the city of Salem, and lots of the counties have come out and, and have said that they were not going to enforce a mandate. And so, I, I definitely do have some general concerns here. I've done a lot of research and been listening to a lot of things concerning this issue, and there does seem to be some religious problems there. There also, and this is straight off the CD Website, there is people who are having adverse reactions from taking the vaccine. Anywhere from, you know, blood clots, etc., etc., etc., and, and, and, so there are definitely some concerns there, and so personal opinion, as you know a manage, well my personal opinion and as a blind licensed manager's, I definitely do have some concerns on all the aspects of this. Number one, if I tell an employee you get the vacc--, the vaccine, and they do have repercussions, you know, am I legally liable? Now I know that the government isn't liable or any of that kinda stuff, but I also have some legal concerns. Not only for myself, but for other managers who could be opening theirself up to litigation for saying hey, you gotta get a vaccine. Or the agency may get sued and all that, so I have some legal questions about this mandate. I know there's lots of things being discussed and, and so I think, you know, I have concerns. I've heard concerns from other people, and stuff like that and so I think all of these issue need to be, need to be addressed. Because I sure as heck don't want any legal repercussions to anybody. And I also want all of their, everyone's legal rights to be protected and there is you know, I've, I've heard there is federal lawsuits, that these mandates are unconstitutional, and so, I'd like to get more information and perhaps we can get some opinions or at least some questions answered by the AG's Office. And maybe the Governor's office and, and, and their legal counsel and stuff. So those are my concerns, on over this whole thing. And so, I think those issue should be addressed Randy because nobody, nobody can say that there isn't a lot of controversy around this aspect. And I also know that, you know, I've been seeing some studies done that there are some other alternatives than the vaccine. Like Ivermectin and stuff like that, that can be used as a therapeutic and also to guard you from getting the disease and spreading the disease and so, those are the kind of things that I'd like answered or at least discussed. So that we make sure that all the managers rights and our employees’ rights are protected under the law and the constitution. So that's all I'll say right at this point in time…

Hauth: Alright. Okay. Okay, so well so I just want to say obviously I'm not an expert on this. I know, it's kind of, you know, ever, ever changing, and new information, you know, coming out every day. From what I have heard, there is a lot of controversy around it. I can tell you I’ve, I've seen across the land through the blogs and the chat lines I've been on that different, different mandates such as these are not only causing, or they're causing even greater harm to kind of hire qualified people, right? So, it's already near impossible to hire people, you know, you gotta pay ‘em top dollar and give ‘em bonuses and, you know, I just feel that, from what I hear, they're walking off the job because this whole pandemic has opened up as an employee, you know, plethora of opportunities out there. So, people are either you know, job shopping, going from one job to another, as they open up, or they've decided they don't really necessarily need to work and they don't need to go to the office to exist, and so they're finding other ways to do it. But I know with this vaccine mandate it is even, like, made it even tougher and tougher. So how do you address that? I don't know, here in the state I know there is that executive order. I do believe that there's a couple of options as far as a religious exemption or health exemption, and maybe, Eric, I don't know if you have information on that? Or how people who fall within those categories, you know address that or deal with that? I know that's one question I have, and I know others probably have on maybe how that can be dealt with. And one other question I have is, so as a subcon--, as, as a person directing my subcontractors, you know, what do I need to do as far as having my subcontractors fill out the paperwork or do I fill it out for them? Or how does that work out? So.

Morris: So, good questions, Randy. So, I, I'm assuming everybody read the executive order and the FAQs that came with it. The FAQs were obviously built by the procurement department, which deals with statewide contracting. I didn't see any mentioning of exemptions in that piece of it. There are religious and medical exemptions for state employees, and there's a process to go through for the state employees, but I didn't see that for people falling under the contractor piece of it. That's definitely something I can follow up on and see what, what feedback I get from legal counsel. As far as your subcontractors go, my, my direction or what I would advise you to do, is simply take the email that I pushed to you, and the documents that came along with it, and say hey, you know, this applies to you, so please complete the vaccine compliance form. I think that's the official name of it, and have them send it back to, back to you and then push it to me.

A Stevenson: So, there's…

Garcia: I have…

A Stevenson: …nothing in there with them about religious exemptions either, the, if the way you're looking at it right Eric? That because they are contractors, then they can't get a, a, a, a religious exemption then, huh?

Morris: Yeah, I didn't see anything about that in the FAQ part of it that I was reading through Art. And, and, maybe I missed it in the details, but I certainly didn't see it in there. You know, the thing about, the thing about the pandemic and all these different executive orders and different things that are happening, is sometimes, you know, sometimes they're ever changing, so that's why I'm, I'm basically giving myself a little bit of space to ask the question, because I, I wouldn't be surprised if, if we have the same question, I'm sure other contractors are having the same kind of questions coming back to the agencies that they're working with. So.

Miranda: So, Director Morris, did you say, did you say that only the state workers can have the exemptions?

Morris: No, Lewanda, what I said is there, there is process for state employees for religious and medical exemptions, at this time. There's a process that state employees are going through for that, if they're, if they’re asking for that. But I, I don't believe there's one in…

Miranda: So, do we fall under that? Do we fall under that?

Morris: No, ‘cause you guys fall under the contracting part of it. But, but I can, like I said, I'll follow up and ask the question and let you guys know.

Miranda: Okay.

Hauth: Yeah, that, I, I think…

Miranda: It would be fair.

Hauth: Yeah, seeking clarity on that.

A Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Hauth: Yeah, let me just say real quick and then [inaudible]. I think seeking clarity on that will be very helpful. I'd be surprised if, I mean, you could be right. I haven't, quite honestly, I haven't even read the form in its entirety yet. But I do believe that would apply to state employees would also somehow carry on to, you know, those under the contracting arm of it, but I mean way, I could be way wrong, but if you could check all that out, that would be great. So, Art, go ahead.

A Stevenson: Well, I just, you know, I wanted to throw a couple things out here. I mean, obviously, Eric, you pushed out the thing and we need questions answered definitely. But also, you know, if I, if I, if I'm going to get forced to get a vaccination, that possibly I could have medical problems with, you know, I, maybe you want to get clarification about this because as, as an agency or a state agency that, what are the legal repercussions concerning that matter. Because, quite frankly, I'm against getting the poke. I may, I may consider, you know, taking therapeutics, well, I already am. I have been for a year. You know, with the vitamins they say help it, and all that kind of stuff, there is Ivermectrin which I'm looking into right now as a therapeutic, and as, as a way of keeping, not getting the disease, which is a proven drug, where this drug, these drugs haven't been proven long term. And quite frankly, just, you know, I don't want to end up with another disability, heart problems, blood clots, having to recuperate from a stroke, when some people don't recuperate from strokes. And so, I would like to know about, you know, these other options that have been just as effective. Like the ivamectric, ivermectrin that, that would be a reasonable accommodation that the state of Oregon would accept. And, you know, I, I think all those things need to be considered concerning this matter. Anyways, those are all my thoughts and stuff, I'd like to get some definite answers because like you said, Eric, we're not state employees, but the agency does license us, and if they are going to enforce us to follow a mandate that might be unconstitutional and stuff, I don't know if, ‘cause we are different, if the AG's office or the Governor has considered all those other factors concerning this matter. Okay, I'm, I'm, I’m done for now. I do want, you know, to get as much clarification, Eric, as we can. I hope you wrote down some of those, my concerns there to ask the AG's office.

Morris: Yeah, Art. I got some notes.

D Stevenson: This is Derrick.

A Stevenson: Okay, thanks.

Hauth: Derrick, go ahead.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I, I, for one, well, I, I've gotten the vaccine. And I can say, well, nothing happened to me, but that, that, you know, is not that big of a deal, but as far as the constitutionality, we've been forcing people to take vaccines, vaccinations before they go to school and stuff for, for decades. So, I don't think that it's unconstitutional. Or elsewise, those laws, well, those laws, you know, those vaccines, the same parts of controversies for a long times and they've, they've, they’ve said they're constitutional, you can do it. My main thing is, you know, if you guys have been watching the news, you know, 90% of the people that end up in the hospital are the ones that didn't get vaccinated. It doesn't matter what they try to do after that point, you know, people just die. Now, it's starting to affect our children, and that to me, is just, we have, we have to stay strong and the only way we're gonna get rid of Covid is, is by vaccinating our way out of it. It doesn't keep you from, from necessarily getting it, but it certainly helps keep you alive if you do get it. So, I'm for the vaccination, so, and I guess that's, that's all I should say on the matter, ‘cause I don't want to get people…

Hauth: Yeah. Yeah, I mean obviously, I mean, Derrick, obviously there's a lot of different schools of thoughts, you know, and I guess in my mind you know, regardless of where I'm standing on it, I want to, I want to support, you know, choice, and I mean, I get what you're saying, you know, people are, you know… I guess there's people on both sides of the lane main right? But as far as I get this topic is, if Eric can find out from legal, from the AG, like do blind vendors also have a right to religious exemption or health exemption? I would think it's, I would think it only makes sense that they do, but if you could find that out and get back to the group, that would be great. You know, so….

Morris: Will do.

A Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Hauth: Yes, yes, Art?

A Stevenson: One, one more thing, Derrick, you might check out the Indian study on the therapeutic ivermectrin and stuff like that. None of those people got the shot, but it eliminated Covid because they were taking an alternative and so just so you know, there are alternatives and quite frankly, we should have the option to use alternatives if they’re safer and just as effective as the vaccines. And so, I'm not an antivaxxer, I've got vaccines lots, lots of times, however, people who are allergic to eggs don't get flu shots because that's how they developed those vaccines. And so, this vaccine should be treated in the same manner as, as other vaccines. So, that's all I'll say for now. But we want to make sure that we protect all our managers’ rights while doing the very best we can to protect of infection. And as a matter of fact, I've been in several locations that have had outbreaks of the Covid without being vaccinated and not gotten the disease because I have been practicing using appropriate therapeutics. And so, you know, that's I, I'm gonna climb off the horse now, but you know when you put something in your veins, and you have a stroke, or you have a heart attack, you know, it could happen. Just ‘cause it didn't happen to you…

Hauth: Well, yeah…

A Stevenson: It doesn't mean it doesn't.

Hauth: You know Art, like I told…

A Stevenson: Okay.

Hauth: Like I told Derrick…

A Stevenson: I'm done.

Hauth: We gotta respect each other’s, but you know, the bottom line is at the end of the day, we're going to find out if blind vendors have exceptions, exemptions under that statute, or under the Governor's executive order. So, if we can get that from Eric, that'd be great, so. Okay, what do we have next?

D Stevenson: Can I say one more thing?

Hauth: Go ahead, go ahead, Derrick.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I think as far as notifying third party vendors and stuff, I think that's, that should fall on, on Eric. Since he's the one who, who vetted, vetted all these people, we shouldn't have to be calling ‘em up and telling ‘em they need to do it. They you know, I think that should be done by an official from the state. Just saying.

A Stevenson: I think, I think the letters have already gone, gone out. If I'm not, to all the third-party contractors that are on Eric's list. Cause I know Canteen got, has theirs.

D Stevenson: Well, that's good.

Hauth: What's up next?

Miranda: It is Jackson, Josephine vending route. Derrick is the [inaudible]…

Hauth: Okay, yeah, let's get, let's get an update on that. I, I thought we had a pretty good meeting here a couple weeks ago or whenever it was. I'm not sure what's happened since then, if anything. But if we could get an update from, like, Derrick and or Eric, and you know, next steps, that would be probably good.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I'll say… Am I off mute?

Hauth: Yes.

D Stevenson: I don't want to sound like my brother. I’m not gonna say that again! Yeah, yeah, we're moving forward on it, I'm, I'm, you know, talked to Eric yesterday and I'm preparing to, to start getting a list, a list going, and I guess as soon as I supply them with a list of, of what machines I need then they're, then they'll give me an operating agreement. I'm kinda, don't know why that is, I should get the operating agreement, you know, as soon as possible ‘cause I could use the money to put it blankly. But we are working on it. I talked to Vinnie a little bit and he's kinda stuck in the same manner, he wants me to make, get my list to Eric. So, I’ve been sick for the last week or so, so I haven't been able to do much, but I plan on starting working hard on it next week. Course I got to hire a driver to drive me around so I can check these places. That's, that's where it's at as far as I know.

Hauth: Okay. Eric, you have anything to add to it?

Morris: No, I think, I think Derrick did a good recap of it. That's pretty much where we're at right this second.

Hauth: Alright.

A Stevenson: Mr. Chair?

Hauth: Yes, Art?

A Stevenson: So, anyways, you know, I think the elected committee needs to make a motion here to add the Roseburg areas to this vending route. As a recommendation, just to dot our I's and cross our T's. So, I will make that motion. I did talk with my managers and they had no problems with it.

Hauth: Okay, so a motion is made to combine the Roseburg and Douglas, errr, the Medford, Douglas County, and Southern Oregon route together. Is that correct?

A Stevenson: Yep.

Hauth: Okay, do I have a second on that?

Miranda: Second.

Hauth: Okay, second's been made. Open for discussion.

D Stevenson: This is Derrick.

Hauth: Derrick, go ahead.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I, it's, he kinda didn't put the, it's the combining of Jackson and my route, and Douglas County. So yeah, I think he just said Roseburg, so but it's Douglas County and Jackson County merging with Grants Pass. Or Josephine County.

Miranda: Mhhm.

A Stevenson: Well, truthfully, they had already been combined together because you won the bid and all we were doing was adding Roseburg one to it. But I don't care how we word it, but it already, from what I thought from the last meeting Josephine and Jackson was gonna be combined and that all we were adding was the Douglas County ones.

Hauth: Yeah, well, I think, you know, I think they can't, I mean, you know, I think again, back up here for a second. The meeting we had a couple of weeks ago I think was, was a really good start in the right direction. And I understand, Art, what you're wanting to do to just solidify what, you know Eric, had recommended and what the board had, you know, encouraged and so forth and so on. So, without trying to confuse it any, Eric, do you have any problems or do we need to reword the motion? Or what are your, what are your thoughts about moving forward with, you know, with what you and Derrick are doing together?

Morris: Yeah, I don't really have any problem with it Randy. I, I know what we're doing.

Hauth: Okay. So, anyway, there's been a motion, there's been a second, and there's been discussion. I think that clarifies the issue of joining, you know, the Douglas County, Medford, and I guess Jackson County, I'm not sure if that's the proper terminology for your route or not, Derrick, but Derrick's existing route. So, to join those together. So, there's been a motion, a second, discussion, so let's go ahead and take a vote. And you know, there may be a conflict of interest, I don't know, Derrick. But I'll call on Art first. Yea or nay, Art?

A Stevenson: I may have a conflict of interest, but yes.

Hauth: Okay, Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yes.

Hauth: Derrick Stevenson?

D Stevenson: Yes, I obviously have a conflict. But I'll vote yes too.

Hauth: Okay, and I'll vote yes as well, motion passes. Okay, thank you. What do we have next?

Miranda: The next is for Steve Jackson trying to get some help on his route and talking about the BPA cafeteria and PSOB. Portland State Office Building.

Hauth: Steve, floor’s yours.

Jackson: Floor is mine you said?

Hauth: Yes, yes, sir.

Jackson: So, yes, I, I suppose I'm just reaching out to the Eric and to my fellow managers and the elected committee to, to let me know what I could do. Maybe I could get a vending route but I'm kinda just floating dead in the water and, and, like I'm treading water and it feels like I'm about to sink. So, ‘cause I just, I can barely keep stuff on shelves because I don't have any sales. And everything I make I turn around and spend on my Wi-Fi bill and my credit card processing and I, I, I, there's just not people. So I, I really am trying to make preparations to be ready for when people are coming back. At the same time, I want to maybe take on more vending, but then to be honest, I'm, I'm also like feeling nervous about vending because I haven't been able to make any money. And I, I can't keep up, I can't keep the variety that Canteen used to have, and so one thing I just started thinking about is maybe I, I ask Canteen to help me service my vending machines, and I handle the repairs but they stock it and work on a commission deal, but I took over the two machines that made the most and now my Canteen checks are super small because I took over the, the good machines but anyways I, I need to get ready for when people come back to work. And I don't, I don't know really what to do. Except for calling like a different catering companies and asking if they want to partner, ‘cause that's what I sorta did, well, I got your help, I got some hints and some recommendations to call European restaurants and I've called them and somehow he met somebody and became partners. But they don't want anything to do with that place anymore because they weren’t able to make much of a profit. So, whatever happens there has to be a new, a new invention, a new business. And I think Eric had mentioned you know, talk of micro market there and so if that could be set up, I'm all for it. I just need to, to work on something because it's been a year and nine months, or a year and seven months or something that I don't work steady in my building, I try to go there and do stuff but I'm not making any money. So. What can I do?

Miranda: Steve, do you know how many people…

Unidentifiable: So, hey…

Miranda: …are in your building?

Jackson: Like 50 or something, or less. Yeah, they closed, they closed the federal building and the credit union that's there, I can't even get my money out of my savings account ‘cause they shut the credit union down also. I have to drive out to 122nd Airport Way to go to some secondary branch to try to [inaudible] out. Anyways, it's just [inaudible] just so different that I, I, I need to try to make preparations and I need to do more vending or something? I'm getting better at the vending…

Hauth: Steve?

Jackson: Just so you know, Eric and everybody. Yeah?

Hauth: Have you talked to, have you talked to the agency about it at all? And if so, you know, what's, what's the response been? Or do you have…

Jackson: Have I asked Eric about the micro market? Is that what you’re saying?

Hauth: Well, no, have you, have you put like a, I mean, I know we've had this discussion.

Jackson: Yeah, I know, I, you know…

Hauth: I mean, I mean, but lately have you, have you put…

Jackson: Yeah, yes, and, and, and the talk is there's no real talk of anybody coming back. So that's all I keep hearing, so I'm trying to be ahead of the curve, and trying to make, you know, like a blueprint for what might happen in the future. But like I said, I, my unemployment dependence, unemployment assistance was getting ran out, and I'm you know, I, I'm not making any money. So, I'm, I'm sort of panicking, and I, I want to do more vending, I know how to do coin mechs and fill them and do… I know how to take out the bill reader and all this stuff faster than I did before. But I, I'm still not like an expert at vending, but I, I can't get very good prices, so my price, or my profit margin's not very good on my vending stuff. So, I, I just, I feel like…

A Stevenson: Hey, Randy?

Jackson: …ask Canteen and ask them to work with me so I don't know what to do that's most beneficial, you know.

Hauth: Yeah Art, Art.

A Stevenson: Well.

Hauth: Art?

Stevenson: The thing is, okay, number one, there's an arbitration pending about the State Office Building, which Steve had asked us to advocate on, and stuff. s

Jackson: Art, that's not gonna help me now though, buddy.

A Stevenson: Well, well, well now, hold on, I understand that. I understand that, Steve, but what I'm, I'm trying to say here is the micro market over at the State Office Building, and that's still going on, I know the vending is, is still over there, and these are things that can start you making more money in the near future, especially if the micro market is going in, and if, if it was assigned to you, and there's gonna be enough population and stuff, but what my thoughts are here, hey, we need to all work together to increase the viability of Steve Jackson's vending facility. And the agen--, I believe the agency needs to focus on that, and the elected committee needs to focus on that, because Steve deserves to make a decent living, just like all the managers do, and so how do we get there? What steps can we make to start making it happen together? And so, you know, the vending if, if I'm not, if there's still vending being done there, it's not assigned to anybody, and perhaps it should be assigned to Steve. And, and so, what I'm thinking is hey guys, we're working on all the managers making a decent living, and that needs to include Steve. So, can, can we start making that happen and then maybe we don't have to go through this arbitration thing. And, and we can make positive steps forward to helping Steve ‘cause I know he's a hard worker, he wants to make money, he needs to make money, has a family to support, and, and all those things. And we all need to be focused on that, so what do we do as an elected committee and the agency to make it happen?

D Stevenson: This is Derrick.

Hauth: Go ahead, Derrick.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I, I don't know if we need to make a motion, or what but, I think the first thing would be to allow Steve to use Canteen, obviously if he has to pay for the credit card stuff, and all that, he's, he sounds like he'd be making a little bit more money by letting Canteen go back in there and take it over. So, if I need to make a motion that, that happens, I will. I move, I move that Eric allow Steve to use Canteen or any other place, places so that he can at least make some kind of profit.

Hauth: Okay.

D Stevenson: Without having to be worrying about being able to buy product or whatever.

Hauth: Okay, a motion's been made. Do I have a second on that?

Miranda: Second.

A Stevenson: Oh, I was gonna second.

Hauth: Okay, so a second's been made, open for discussion. So, just let me say real quickly, you know, Steve, I don't, I don't think, I mean, I don’t think you're part of the self-service initiative. I think getting the machines from the agency was something that you really wanted and you felt that one time it was going to be a more profitable endeavor for you, and I know we talked about it. However, in some instances as you find, especially now, you don't have the buying power of Canteen, you don't have the availability of products to you as a small independent. So, you don't have the other resources either, so you know, sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men sometimes go astray. So, I think, one, you could, you know, have Canteen go back in there. I don't think that would be, I mean, I don't know how that would ever be a violation of any sort, but with that said, and I know Eric, Derrick's motion is intended to help you, I think you are, and we'll vote on it but I think you're gonna need more than that.

Jackson: May I ask a question fast, quickly? If I ask them, if I ask Canteen to help service, or I mean, to stock the machines, can I still use the machines that have been awarded to me? I only have two machines that I'm responsible for. But does anybody own their own machine and have a subcontractor fill them? Is that backwards, ‘cause…

Morris: Yeah, Steve, Steve, I'll chime in here. If you're gonna, if you’re gonna have Canteen go back in, we'll pull the agency machines out, Canteen can put their machines in, and we'll repurpose the machines somewhere else.

Jackson: Well, the only, I've, I’ve been, I've been tracking how much I'm making and, and I still owe for the initial inventory that I got in January. But still just to rewind real fast also, is you know I asked for vending machines like maybe three years ago before the pandemic ever hit. And then when it, and then somehow it went through like a year ago, and so the timing was bad. So anyways, is there any, since I'm talking to you, Eric, is there anything I can do to, to prove to you that I can be responsible for more vending? I need, I need something to, I need, you know, I need to work more.

Morris: Yeah, Steve.

Jackson: I need more income. So, like is there anything out there, you know?

Morris: Well, Steve, I think like we talked about, ‘cause you and I talked last week about this, I, I wish I had more answers for the federal location. ‘Cause you know 50 people in a building that normally holds 2500 is obviously not anywhere normal. So, you know I think we all want to get back to some kind of a normal where people are back and our customer base is back. If you want to write something up and send it to me. I mean, I didn't know we were gonna be talking about this part of it tonight, so you know we can definitely talk and see what, see what we can figure out. Like Randy said, these are unprecedented times. I mean people burned that language up to death but, you know, we need to look at different solutions.

Jackson: Yeah.

Hauth: Okay, so a motion's…

Jackson: Well yeah, let's finish the motion and then yeah, I guess let's do that.

Hauth: A motion's been made, seconded, and discussion, and hopefully it will be fruitful, you know, Steve, if you can put together, you know, maybe look, look around your area or ask Eric or Teresa for some assistance in helping you develop, you know, some assistance for yourself at this point in time. Maybe they'll help you put that together, but anyway, so a motion's been made, a second…

A Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: Yea or Nay?

A Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: Yes? Yes, go ahead.

A Stevenson: No that's okay, go ahead and take the vote first.

Hauth: Yeah, Derrick? Yea or nay Art?

A Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Derrick?

D Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve? You probably have a conflict, I guess.

Jackson: Yeah.

Hauth: You might want to just…

Jackson: Yeah, I have a conflict of interest here, too, but I still vote yes.

Hauth: Yeah, and I'll vote yes as well, so motion passes. Okay so.

A Stevenson: Randy.

Jackson: Randy. Randy. Can I…

Hauth: So, does somebody want… First, Art, Art? Art, and then I'll go back to…

A Stevenson: Okay, well I want to make a motion that we add the vending over at the State Office Building to enhance Steve's income. I don't know who's servicing it right now, but it isn't assigned and obviously, you know, they're right next to each other, and as a matter of fact, I'll, let me ask a quick, let me, question. Eric, is… [inaudible] …possibility…

Jackson: You should finish the motion first.

A Stevenson: Well, I want to add to the motion if, Eric, is there still gonna be a micro market over at State Office Building or is that still in flux?

Morris: No, it's there now, far as I know.

A Stevenson: There's a micro market there now?

Morris: Yeah, I believe so.

A Stevenson: Well, then, I make a motion that the vending and the micro market be added to Steve Jackson's vending facility to help him make a decent living.

Hauth: Okay, so a motion's been made, do I have a…

D Stevenson: I second.

Hauth: A motion's been made, any discussion around that? Steve, go ahead if you have discussion.

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A Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Derrick Stevenson?

D Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Yea.

Hauth: You probably have a conflict, Steve, but Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yes, I have a conflict of interest but I vote yes.

Hauth: Okay, and I'll vote yes as well. I'll tell you, it just tears my heart up to hear a manager begging for help. You know, I give Steve a lot of credit for, you know, coming to the table and sharing his, you know, desire to get some assistance and, you know, I don't mean that in any derogatory way, but it's heart wrenching to hear, so. Hopefully we can get something done. So.

Jackson: Thank you, Randy.

D Stevenson: This is Derrick.

A Stevenson: Can I, you can go first, Derrick.

Hauth: Derrick, go ahead.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I just, I, I hear that he's having to pay back for his beginning inventory and I just want to throw this out here that federal law says it’s, it's the state licensing agency to supply that, whether or not the manager can afford to pay it back. And if there's ever a case that a manager can't afford to pay it back, it would be this one. So, I think we should look into the fact that, that he shouldn't have to pay, keep paying when he's not making any money.

Hauth: Okay, who else…

D Stevenson: Just want to…

Hauth: Who else wants to…

Jackson: Do it [inaudible]…

A Stevenson: Randy. Randy.

Hauth: Yeah, Art.

A Stevenson: Randy.

Hauth: Yeah, Art.

A Stevenson: Eric, how long's the, how long's the micro market been up and running and why weren't we informed?

Morris: It's a pretty…

A Stevenson: I mean, I just, I often times you tell us when things happen, and stuff like that, and quite frankly I was, I was just shocked that we hadn't, you know it hadn't been included in one of your reports that the micro market was opening and we were making money on it.

Morris: Yeah, Art, it hasn't been that long, and I, I honestly can't remember how long it's been. It's been, if I remember right, over the summer. So it hasn't been very long.

A Stevenson: Okay.

D Stevenson: So, who's managing it?

A Stevenson: Well I just.

Morris: It's subcontracted, unassigned right now through Royal Vending.

D Stevenson: Huh, well that's kind of strange when we have, have managers that could definitely use the money that you would go ahead and third party it. So.

Hauth: Yeah, well, and, you know, and, and hopefully we'll, hopefully we'll, you know…

A Stevenson: Let…

Hauth: Hopefully, we’re going in the…

A Stevenson: I, I just…

Hauth: We're going in that right direction, so it's…

A Stevenson: Yeah.

Hauth: You know, I mean, I don’t think, I don't think that's a good thing either, however, I think if we go on the right direction to work on getting these assigned it will be you know, it'll be a good thing. So.

A Stevenson: Okay, me too.

Hauth: I think there's one over at the Portlandia Building too, Eric, I don't know if you can share that or not, and was, or is or?

Morris: Yeah, right now Randy that building's shut down. We've been trying to get information from the City of Portland to find out what's going on with that building and the population, but we haven't got an update on that recently, which is many of our different locations. So, yeah.

Hauth: Okay. Anybody else? Hey, listen, listen, Derrick and Art, I, I'm frustrated too, I get that part. You know, but let's try and find a fix to it. You know, if we can. So, I mean…

A Stevenson: Well, that's why I made these motions. That's…

Hauth: Yeah, no, I know.

A Stevenson: That's why I made the motions. You know, I would much rather not be going through legal repercussions and be working on making progress to, you know, solve some of these problems, Randy. And, and so now, obviously if that gets assigned, then Steve can get it or stuff. So anyways.

Hauth: Okay.

A Stevenson: What's next?

Miranda: Transfer and promotion.

A Stevenson: Okay.

Hauth: I know it's coming up, I know it's coming up on 5:00, I don't know what the…

Miranda: 12 to 5.

Hauth: Okay.

A Stevenson: What is it?

Jackson: Steve Jackson.

Miranda: Cut off to 5.

A Stevenson: Okay, well I just wanted to quickly say…

Miranda: It's 5 o'clock.

A Stevenson: …that concerning this, the transfer and promotion thing, ‘cause I brought this up on the agenda that perhaps, you know, we can kinda adjust it a little bit to where, you know, Eric puts out the bid announcement and then obviously managers would have a certain amount of time to, to send Eric a letter of interest and then if, you know, only one person's gonna bid on it, then the manager wouldn't have to go through all this extra work of writing all the stuff and, you know, if Eric had some questions or wanted to talk to the manager who was awarded, awarded the bid. ‘Cause it takes quite a while to do all that stuff in writing etc. And so I just wanted to throw it out there for consideration. That you know we maybe give a letter of interest first and if there's only one person bidding, we not put the managers through all the headache of putting together all the, all the stuff that's needed, needed because actually the agency has a lot of the stuff concerning a manager in their records. And then we could kinda streamline the process a little better and make it a little easier on managers if there is only gonna be one bidder on a location. So, I just wanted to make that comment, get it on record and then Eric can kinda consider it and then, you know, we can circle back and touch on it a little later, but just get it out there to maybe streamline our transfer and promotion system a little bit.

Miranda: Randy, it's after 5 and we have two more items. The one item's already been dealt with, what do you guys want to do? Can we hurry through it? Do you have time, Eric?

A Stevenson: Well probably not. We probably oughta have a special meeting to discuss it, to move that over I think, Randy, ‘cause I think we'll it might be a lengthy discussion on the, at least the one agenda item.

Miranda: That's self-service initiative, current rollout challenges. That one's left, and then the other one is about getting our yearly unincurred business expenses by the end of February. And I talked to Eric and he said that he, he did get the, he did talk to accounting and they said that, that they could do that. Right, Eric?

Morris: Yes.

Miranda: Okay, so what do you guys want to do? Randy?

A Stevenson: Do you gotta catch a bus, Eric?

Morris: Yeah, Art, I gotta get on transit.

A Stevenson: Okay. Let's, let's schedule a special meeting, Randy. I think this, we can't hurry through this, I don't think. That's my opinion.

Morris: I would concur with that, Art.

A Stevenson: Okay.

D Stevenson: Am I off mute?

Hauth: Yes.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I just want to say, Eric, I, I don't mean to, to belittle you or whatever, but just some things you just have to say. And then, and, and get it out. I don't know if there was a nicer way to do it, but I’ll think, I'll think a lot better in the future. So, I apologize.

Morris: No, I, I, I appreciate that Derrick, I think that the thing that I constantly think about, especially in the last 18 months, is that everybody has being stressed in different ways and so I give everybody grace when it comes to, you know, when I'm talking with people. So, but I appreciate that though.

A Stevenson: So, Eric, would you let Randy know when, when we can meet next week for a special meeting or something? When's your next convenient time?

Morris: Yeah, let me look real quick, while I got everybody on the phone or on the zoom call. Next week, next week, next week, I'm trying to see, I'm gonna look and see if next Thursday is something we could possibly do. What is going on? Oh, Mini BLAST is happening next week, too. I think we, wait a minute, my, my calendar is completely freaking out sorry.

Miranda: Isn't Mini BLAST the 28th?

Morris: Yeah, it skipped a week on me, that's, that's why I just said that. I'm like, wait a minute. It just skipped a whole week. Yeah, you guys want to circle back next Thursday the 23rd?

A Stevenson: Same time?

Morris: Yeah, same bat…

Jackson: I'll be available.

Miranda: Where's the chairman at? Did he fall off?

A Stevenson: Yep. Same time's good for me. Everybody else?

D Stevenson: Good for me.

Jackson: Hey, Eric, please consider me for the state building. Can I say something quick? I just want you to know, Eric, Eric, I, I know people in that building, I'm in the neighborhood, just please consider me for that building. Be managed by me, ‘cause I could do it.

A Stevenson: Next Thursday 3:30.

Jackson: Just like [inaudible]. Okay, I just want to say that, though. You know.

Morris: I gotcha Steve.

Jackson: And I thank you. Thank you.

Morris: Steve, if you could just drop me an email I would appreciate that, that way I don't forget. I'm trying to write it down.

Miranda: Okay, alright, goodnight.

Jackson: Yeah I…

D Stevenson: Goodnight.

Jackson: Thank you, good talk.

Morris: Take care everybody.

Jackson: Thank you.

**Motions Passed**

1. **“…that we adopt last meeting’s minutes as recorded.**

Proposed: A Stevenson. Seconded: Miranda. Passed. Yeas: A Stevenson, Miranda, Jackson, D Stevenson and Hauth

Transcript:

Hauth: I'd like to take a motion to adopt the minutes as recorded.

A Stevenson: I so move.

Hauth: Okay, motion's been made. Do we have a second?

Miranda: I'll second.

Hauth: Second's been made. Any discussion around that? Okay, hearing no discussion yea or nay? Derek Stevenson? Derrick?

How about Art?

A Stevenson: yea.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yes.

Hauth: I'll vote yes as well. I don't know Derrick if you're back on the line yet?

D Stevenson: yes.

Hauth: Okay, that motion passes.

1. **“…that** Silver Falls Facility be added to the representation of Salem 1 BECC Board position

Proposed: A Stevenson . Seconded: Miranda. Passed. Yea: A Stevenson, D Stevenson, Miranda, Jackson, Hauth

Transcript:

A Stevenson: I'd like to make a motion that we add that location into Salem 1.

Hauth: Okay, I'll accept that nomination, ask for a second and then we'll open it up for discussion. Do I have a second on that?

Miranda: Second.

D Stevenson: I second it.

Hauth: Okay, second. Any discussion? Eric, particularly from the agency, or anybody else? It's open for discussion. Okay.

Morris: I'm just trying to make sure I'm off mute. I don't disagree with Art, I think it's it's outlying but it's not so far outlying that it's not like in the Salem neck of the woods. So that make sense to me.

Hauth: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, hearing no other discussion, we'll yea or nay. Derrick Stevenson?

D Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Art Stevenson?

A Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: yes.

Hauth: Steve Jackson? Steve?

Jackson: Yes.

Hauth: Okay, yeah, and I'll vote yes as well, motion passes.

1. **“…that we combine Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties into a single vending route.**

Proposed: A Stevenson . Seconded: Miranda. Passed. Yeas: A Stevenson, D Stevenson, Miranda, Jackson and Hauth

Transcript:

A Stevenson: You know I think the elected committee needs to make a motion here to add the Roseburg areas to this vending route. As a recommendation dot our I's and cross our T's. So I will make that motion I did talk with my managers and they had no problems with it.

Hauth: Okay, a motion has been made to combine the Roseburg and Douglas uh the Medford Douglas County and Southern Oregon route together. Is that correct?

A Stevenson: Yep.

Hauth: Okay, do I have a second on that?

Miranda: Second.

Hauth: Okay, second's been made. Open for discussion.

D Stevenson: This is Derrick?

Hauth: Derrick, go ahead.

D Stevenson: Yeah, I it's he kinda didn't put the it's the combining of Jackson and my route, and Douglas County. So yeah, I think he just said Roseburg, so but it's Douglas County and Jackson County merging with Grants Pass. Or Josephine County.

Miranda: Mhhm.

A Stevenson: Well truthfully they'd already been combined together because you won the bid and all we were doing was adding Roseburg one to it. I don't care how we word it, but it already from what I thought from the last meeting Josephine and Jackson was gonna be combined and that all we were adding was the Douglas County ones.

Hauth: Yeah well I think I think they can't I mean, you know I think again back up here for a second. The meeting we had a couple of weeks ago I think was was a really good start in the right direction. And I understnad Art what you're wanting to do to just solidify what you know Eric had recommended and what the board had you know encouraged and so forth and so on. So without trying to confuse it any Eric, do you have any problems or do we need to reword the motion? Or what are your thoughts about moving forward? you know with what you and Derrick are doing together?

Morris: Yeah, I don't really have any problem with it Randy. I I know what we're doing.

Hauth: Okay. Anyway, there's been a motion, there's been a second, and there's been discussion. I think that clarifies the issue of joining you know the Douglas County Medford and I guess Jackson County, I'm not sure if that's the proper terminology for your route or not, Derrick but Derrick's existing route. So to join those together. So there's been amotion, a second, discussion, so let's go ahead and take a vote. And you know there may be a conflict of interest I don't know Derrick but I'll call on Art first. Yea or nay Art?

A Stevenson: I may have a conflict of interest, but Yes.

Hauth: Okay, Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve Jackson?

Jackson: Yes.

Hauth: Derrick Stevenson?

D Stevenson: Yes, I obviously have a conflict. But I'll vote yes too.

Hauth: Okay, and I'll vote yes as well, motion passes.

1. **“…that Canteen be allowed to be used as subcontractor for BPA**

Proposed: D Stevenson. Seconded: Miranda . Passed. Yeas: A Stevenson, D Stevenson, Hauth, Jackson and Miranda

D Stevenson: I move that I move that Eric allows Steve to use Canteen or any other places so that he can at leas make some kind of profit.

Hauth: Okay.

D Stevenson: Without having to be worrying about having to buy product or whatever.

Hauth: Okay, a motion's been made. Do I have a second on that?

Miranda: Second.

A Stevenson: Oh, I was gonna second.

Hauth: Okay, so a second's been made, open for discussion.

So just let me say real quickly, you know Steve I don't think I don't think you're part of the self service initiative. I think getting the machines from the agency was something that you really wanted and you felt that at one time it was going to be a more profitable indever for you and I know we talked about it. However in some instances as you find especially now you don't have the buying power of Canteen, you don't have the availability of products to you as a small independent. So you don't have the other resources either, so you know sometimes the best layed plans of mice and men sometimes go astray. So I think 1 you could you know have Canteen go back in there. I don't think that would be I mean I don't know how that would ever be a violation of any sort but with that said and I know Eric Derrick's motion is intended to help you I think you are and we'll vote on it but I think you're gonna need more than that.

Jackson: May I ask a question?

If I ask them if I ask Canteen to help service or I mean stock the machines can I still use the machines that have been awarded to me? I only have 2 machines that I'm responsible for.

Does anybody own their own machine and have a subcontractor fill them? Is that backwards? Yeah cause.

Morris: Steve.

Jackson: Cause.

Morris: Steve, Steve, I'll chime in here. If you're gonna have Canteen go back in, we'll pull the agency machines out, Canteen can put their machines in, and we'll repurpose the machines somewhere else.

Jackson: Well the only I've been I've been tracking how much I'm making and and I still owe for the initial inventory that I got in January. But still just to rewind real fast also is you know I asked for vending machines like maybe 3 years ago before the pandemic ever hit.And then when it and then somehow it went through like a year ago and so the timing was bad. So anyways since I'm talking to you Eric is there anything I can do to prove to you that I can be responsible for more vending? I need I need something to I need you know i need to work more.

Morris: Yeah Steve.

Jackson: I need more income. So Like is there anything out there you know?

Morris: Well Steve I think like we talked about cause you and I talked last week about this I wish I had more answers for the federal location. Cause you know 50 people in a building that normally holds 2500 is obviously not anywhere normal.So you know I think we all wanta get back to some kind of a normal where people are back and our customer base is back.If you wanta write something up and send it to me I mean I didn't know we were gonna talking about this part of it tonight so you know we can definitely talk and see what see what we can figure out. Like Randy said, these are unprecedented times I mean people burned that language up to death but you know we need to look at different solutions.

Jackson: Yeah.

Hauth: Okay, so a motion's.

Jackson: Well yeah, let's finish the motion and then yeah I guess let's do that.

Hauth: A motion's been made, seconded and discussion, and hopefully it will be fruitful you know Steve, if you can put together you know maybe look around your area or ask Eric or Teresa for some assistance in helping you develop you know some assistance for yourself at this point in time. Maybe they'll help you put that together but anyway so a motion's been made a second, {A Stevenson: Randy?} Hauth: Yay or Nay?

A Stevenson: Randy?

Hauth: Yes? Yes, go ahead.

A Stevenson: No that's okay, go ahead and take the vote first.

Hauth: Yeah Derrick? Yea or nay Art?

A Stevenson: Yea

Hauth: Derrick?

D Stevenson: Yea.

Hauth: Lewanda?

Miranda: Yes.

Hauth: Steve? You probably have a conflict I guess. {Jackson: Yeah" Hauth: {You might wanta} Jackson: Yeah, I have a conflict of interest here so but I still vote yes.

Hauth: Yeah, and I'll vote yes as well, so motion passes.

1. **“…that PSOB micromarket be added to the BPA vending route.**

Proposed: Art Stevenson . Seconded: Derrick Stevenson Passed. Voting yea: Hauth, Miranda, Jackson, A Stevenson and D Stevenson

A Stevenson: Well then, I make a motion to that the vending and the micromarket be added to Steve Jackson's vending facility to help him make a decent living.

Hauth: okay, so a motion's been made, huh?

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Hauth: Lewanda Miranda?

Miranda: Yes.

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Jackson: Yes, I have a conflict, of interest but I vote yes.

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