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Vanessa West ([00:00:01](#)):

Has to be more than half, but the budget or the board

Brittany Hornung ([00:00:04](#)):

Members are also

Vanessa West ([00:00:08](#)):

As well. So you have to have, so I was certain, because I remember we had this last year, but So Sharon's inner car on her way, but that doesn't, and Julia will be on her phone? Yes.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:00:22](#)):

And that'll make,

Vanessa West ([00:00:59](#)):

There's a car accident. I'm at mile 12.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:01:05](#)):

Oh, between here and Mapleton, I mean between here and

Vanessa West ([00:01:07](#)):

Floor. Yeah. Single vehicle. Just now I have the fire department app because I'm a volunteer firefighter, but I'm unavailable. Priorities. I am stuck here. I made it and I was on time. What's that? I made it on time. I scarfed down my dinner quick.

Matt Ferkey ([00:03:36](#)):

Yeah. Hello. I have two quick questions for you. Am I required to be a budget meeting? Okay.

Vanessa West ([00:03:48](#)):

Well

Matt Ferkey ([00:03:48](#)):

Is Tasia supposed to be? I'm getting paid for either meeting.

Vanessa West ([00:03:58](#)):

Anyone that you attend, you have these because they're still important to understand the finances. So you can be paid for either one, but you're probably not mandatory for the budget. But I would say mandatory for the

Matt Ferkey ([00:04:10](#)):

Fiscal

Vanessa West ([00:04:10](#)):

Years. Other meetings, ta. Yeah, but if you come to this meeting, you can get paid for this meeting.

Matt Ferkey ([00:04:16](#)):

Okay, cool.

Vanessa West ([00:04:17](#)):

I think that it'd be helpful to understand how the finances work.

Matt Ferkey ([00:04:20](#)):

Yep. Okay.

Vanessa West ([00:04:23](#)):

So yeah, if you guys come, you guys can get paid. It's good to understand.

Matt Ferkey ([00:04:32](#)):

I sit over here.

Vanessa West ([00:04:34](#)):

You can sit not at these tables, any of these unless you want to volunteer to be on the board. We do have an open seat. You bring the Yeah, I can. Yeah. Sit right up here. Tasia, go right on ahead. Isn't she an

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:04:54](#)):

Employee?

Vanessa West ([00:04:56](#)):

I don't know. There's a rule that employee can't be on the board.

Jordan Walker ([00:04:59](#)):

Employee.

Vanessa West ([00:05:00](#)):

Oh darn it.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:05:02](#)):

I'm pretty certain.

Vanessa West ([00:05:05](#)):

Oh, you're probably right. I'm just desperate. There's a way.

Matt Ferkey ([00:05:15](#)):

I'm sorry I didn't kick the table big. I think from here this way couples one of those 10 tonight

Vanessa West ([00:05:59](#)):

I'm cutting it. We're getting it done by eight o'clock. I'm going to the store before it closes at eight. So my goal is to push people.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:06:07](#)):

Are you okay if I tell you to cut around?

Vanessa West (00:06:09):

Yep. If you think that I am. Because the goal is we need to get a little more, you

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:06:14):

Tend to talk about

Vanessa West (00:06:16):

Things. So my goal is to yes. So if you do this,

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:06:20):

I'm going to tell you

Vanessa West (00:06:22):

I like it. Okay. You're this person and I'll be grateful, not offended.

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:06:29):

Okay, good.

Vanessa West (00:06:50):

Come on Sharon.

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:07:16):

You too personal. Is art not on board? He's on the board. He's just had some family.

Vanessa West (00:07:44):

So yeah, with art being meeting the day off for family thinks it makes us tight when we only have four board members.

Connie Walton (00:07:52):

Is Ashley still on the budget? She is, but Willard's father passed away. So

Vanessa West (00:08:20):

Napleton fire department's looking for volunteers also. Two, the volunteers are here and the rest of the volunteers look like no one's available to make it. So just if anybody's got some free time.

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:08:36):

Yeah. Where do you find that? I might have some of that.

Vanessa West (00:08:40):

I actually, surprisingly, I looked at the list of calls and I've went to, out of the last 10 calls I've went to all but one that we've actually made it to, but there's been over 50% that no one's made it to unfortunately, which is

Matt Ferkey ([00:08:56](#)):

Are most of the calls medical?

Vanessa West ([00:08:59](#)):

Most of the calls are medical or car accidents or life flight. So we can go and set up and make sure that open up the gate and make sure that nobody goes out on the field and the life flight gets there and helps. But yeah, most are medical, which for me, medical is pretty important. I'd like people to show up for me in my time if need. And it's unfortunate we don't have enough volunteers to get on a rotation to where we make sure we're covered. We just don't have enough where I could sign up for certain shifts and we can make sure we have two or three. I think

Matt Ferkey ([00:09:34](#)):

Probably eight years ago we had a minor medical emergency at my house. I had the family car in town because we had a vehicle issue or something. And so Tina had three kids at home and no vehicle. And one of my kids had an asthma attack, so we got fire came and I think at that time they were allowed to do oxygen. Are you guys allowed to do oxygen? Right now

Vanessa West ([00:10:00](#)):

Only people that are trained. So I'm waiting to get trained. It'll take several hours of volunteering to get my license to be able to, but there's about four of us are wanting to, as soon as the option comes up, I think it's coming up pretty soon. So I'll be a little more overextended here in the next couple of months. I think that's going to start. So be able, we'll have someone train.

Matt Ferkey ([00:10:21](#)):

You'll be overextended the next couple of months. Really? Oh,

Vanessa West ([00:10:26](#)):

I have eight listings also. You're

Matt Ferkey ([00:10:28](#)):

Also operations manager for the water plant that's going to be doing a major project or two. Or

Vanessa West ([00:10:35](#)):

Don't forget about the sewer.

Matt Ferkey ([00:10:36](#)):

Oh yeah, sewer. There's still an operation

Vanessa West ([00:10:42](#)):

Soon as one leak. That's it. We can't even get a loan, so it's not like us. We have one leak and we're done. So if someone finds a leak, yes, we're done.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:10:55](#)):

You're talking about the water

Vanessa West ([00:10:56](#)):

Distance, sewer. Oh,

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:10:57](#)):

The sewer.

Vanessa West ([00:10:59](#)):

I just started talking to some government agencies, so we're just now getting going on some direction. So I'm kind of working with them on the side, having separate meetings with them for water and then setting up separate meetings with them for sewer and trying to keep 'em all straight.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:11:20](#)):

Which hat are you wearing at the moment? She's trying to combine water and sewer.

Vanessa West ([00:11:27](#)):

Well then I have my passions. So I have a meeting tomorrow. I also want to get an outdoor waterpark at the school and I want to get, I'd like to get some counseling services here locally in Napleton. So that's the project I'm just keeping my feet in

Cindy Haberman ([00:11:44](#)):

Group would like to come talk to the Lions Club and discuss what they have is possibilities, what they're currently doing in Florence for the homeless and the people that need assistance. So MCR is a gave great organization to,

Vanessa West ([00:12:06](#)):

I called SOS about getting the medical services because SOS gets funding Deadwood and Mapleton is included and so we just can't get there. But they have a 75, 50, 70 5% more chance of getting their grants by including us. Plus they have only a 10% price match instead of a 25% price match. So there is a lot of benefit they get from including Deadwood and Mapleton. Right. I would like some services more locally for us. That

Cindy Haberman ([00:12:41](#)):

Would be good. Yes.

Vanessa West ([00:12:44](#)):

I've started, we have

Cindy Haberman ([00:12:44](#)):

To get agencies working hand in hand

Vanessa West ([00:12:47](#)):

Together and that's what needs

Cindy Haberman ([00:12:49](#)):

To happen

Vanessa West ([00:12:50](#)):

Out here. And I talked to them at SOS and that's kind of what they said to check in with MCR, check in with all these different things and maybe combined we could work something out.

Cindy Haberman (00:12:59):

Okay.

Vanessa West (00:12:59):

Is she here? But yeah, so hopefully they can come up with something together. But come on Sharon.

Matt Ferkey (00:13:40):

Is Julie going to be here?

Vanessa West (00:13:44):

Julie's late. Sharon Jordan tried calling earlier and that she answered the phone, but literally I didn't get her on the phone until like four twenty five. But we all knew about this meeting last month. Unlike last year, we weren't notified of the meeting. The board was not notified at the budget meeting last year. This year we were notified. We were notified and

Matt Ferkey (00:14:12):

I didn't know about the budget meeting until I looked on Facebook.

Vanessa West (00:14:17):

But were you here at the last meeting? That's why

Matt Ferkey (00:14:24):

The last meeting was tech week from

Vanessa West (00:14:26):

Yours. Yeah. So that's why you didn't know about it. But we were all notified. Come on.

Cindy Haberman (00:14:49):

Are you guys doing mutual aid with the Swiss element stuff?

Vanessa West (00:14:54):

Yes, we did last summer like five times and then we had a learn to burn up Bernhard Creek and so that was really nice. And then we kind of halted for the winter because the weather and stuff and you don't know if it's going to be pouring out or not. But we just started again last month and we're going to be having one I think at the end of this month. And then, so yeah, about once a month we plan on working with them and

Cindy Haberman (00:15:16):

It's good. Have needs

Vanessa West (00:15:18):

And yeah, that's pretty neat. And it's nice being able to actually get hands on and use the hose instead of just pretending at the fire station, push this button, push this and wait until you hear a noise, but you don't really hear the noise. We don't have it on, so it's nice to actually be able to go out and put the hoses off

Vanessa West (00:15:41):

And stuff. So yeah. Nope. And they a good group of people. They were really shorthanded last year and so were, we were down to four or five and they were real skimpy too, about five for Swiss zone, five for Deadwood, upper Deadwood, and five for down. But now I think they've got about maybe 10 on each. They've gained new people and we've gained five or six. I think we're about to nine, but only four of us can drive the trucks or take people out. The other ones are too new to be able to go and take each other newbies out and drive the truck without,

Cindy Haberman (00:16:23):

Don't have the training

Vanessa West (00:16:24):

For it. Yeah, they don't have the training yet because they're newer. But yeah, so we might be up to about 10. Fantastic. Yeah.

Cindy Haberman (00:16:35):

And Charlie, he's just hanging in there. What's he looking at retirement or is he,

Vanessa West (00:16:40):

I think last year he said two or three more years is from what I recall, it sounded like he had help on talking about when he retires, when he retires, when he retires. And then one day he's like, guys, I'm not retiring anytime soon. I've got two or three years. I don't recall what he said, but he was mentioning it so much we were like, it sounded like, I think he was just getting excited because he is getting closer. Right.

Jordan Walker (00:17:05):

Have you heard from Sharon she texted you

Vanessa West (00:17:07):

Or anything? She did. She said she's on my way. On her way, but it's going to be late. I will be there just late. What does late mean? I assume she was getting in her car.

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:17:27):

She doesn't live far away, does she?

Vanessa West (00:17:30):

No, but she does have a lot of stairs and had hip or knee surgery and so it would take her five or 10 minutes to get to her car and once she gets here, it'll take her five or so minutes to get into the building. Do

Matt Ferkey (00:17:45):

You want me to be on the board?

Vanessa West (00:17:47):

You can't because you're an employee it on board. No, the board has to vote you in and there's not any board members here to vote you in.

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:18:00):

You're not leaving me yet.

Vanessa West (00:18:05):

Well, you could take over my, yeah, because you know how to do it all. Yeah,

Matt Ferkey (00:18:14):

I'm just taking over Vanessa.

Vanessa West (00:18:24):

How was the Lion's Club? Mother's Day breakfast?

Cindy Haberman (00:18:27):

It was good. We have it up there. We served nine four, so that was pretty good. At first it was kind of slow and about 9, 9 30 we're going, man, I'm telling you, this is a SW oh way. It was like, oh, okay, here we go. So it was good.

Vanessa West (00:18:45):

But yeah, no, we love coming here. But I had to go, we were doing a barbecue up at Connie Memorial and spent the day there, so I didn't get all the stuff I was supposed to get the day before. So I had to go run to Florence in the morning and get everything, get ready to meet there at noon for the all day. So I was like, darn it.

Cindy Haberman (00:19:07):

Well hopefully you're done in town because Roy days is coming on. Then I'm going in Wednesday and not again until yay later.

Vanessa West (00:19:17):

I'm taking Tuesday,

Cindy Haberman (00:19:18):

Next Wednesday.

Vanessa West (00:19:19):

My grandkids to the carnival at least two or three times now. And then we're going to the parade. So I'm going to be partying hard all Roady weekend with the grandkids. And then Wes, he usually just hides at home, so he'll be, he doesn't like, even though he is got four Harleys and all these other bikes, he doesn't like to go out and about. So he pretty much will just be at home waiting when I get home at six o'clock at night because the kids are tired. But yeah,

Cindy Haberman (00:19:54):

I bet you guys do that. Tax seasons over, huh? Oh boy. Yeah. Good grizzly. Was it a big year? It was grizzly. Yeah, it was a big year. Lot changes. You want a job? I could only do receptionist. That's all I can do.

Vanessa West ([00:20:11](#)):

Well, and then she goes straight from the tax season straight to high, tailing it on all these budgets. Yeah,

Matt Ferkey ([00:20:17](#)):

That's part of it. And then back to extensions and then she loves her job. It is good. We're grateful that you're there. Thank you. I did it for everybody. So you That's a lot, but you got it.

Vanessa West ([00:20:42](#)):

I don't know what she means by, I thought she was getting in her car, but

Matt Ferkey ([00:20:50](#)):

Who

Vanessa West ([00:20:51](#)):

Sharon? She's

Matt Ferkey ([00:20:52](#)):

Here.

Vanessa West ([00:20:53](#)):

She's here.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:20:53](#)):

She's here. Oh, she's getting out of the car. Oh,

Vanessa West ([00:20:58](#)):

Exciting.

Cindy Haberman ([00:21:01](#)):

You want her comes Jordan. The gingerbread is closed. That's what I was hearing everybody. Thursday, Tuesday. I heard that she help. Well she has done that before, but

Vanessa West ([00:21:38](#)):

We need you

Cindy Haberman ([00:21:42](#)):

A tape cell H agency was fun for a couple years. It was real. I've never done it. I waited until I was 58 years old. It was, were good. Vanessa, did you say

Vanessa West ([00:22:01](#)):

Tuesday and Wednesday? I thought

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:22:02):

It was Tuesday and Wednesday.

Vanessa West (00:22:03):

I believe it's Tuesday and Wednesday. And then every now and then they get a little overwhelmed and they're kind of short staffed. So if someone's sick or if there's a big wedding or some family thing going, then they will close for a couple extra days here or there. Not once a month. It seems like she'll have an extra day or something. They just need a little

Matt Ferkey (00:22:27):

Goodness.

Vanessa West (00:22:28):

And it's hard to find workers these days. It kind of makes sense. And half our workers are family. So there's a big family something. Yeah,

Matt Ferkey (00:22:53):

You

Vanessa West (00:22:54):

Get me. She's late. Too late. You're the better child.

Jordan Walker (00:23:13):

I can hear you now. Okay. Okay,

Vanessa West (00:23:20):

So is this on so I could, yeah. Okay, so I am opening the budget meeting on Monday, May 13th at five twenty six. Do I roll? Call Vanessa West,

Matt Ferkey (00:23:44):

Sharon Kelly

Vanessa West (00:23:44):

And Julie Duran Lee on the phone. Visitors Jordan Walker.

Matt Ferkey (00:23:53):

Tammy Lincoln. Cindy Hoberman. Connie Walton. Brittany. Morning Neil. E Lee Hadley. Neil Hadley. Taylor. Coolidge. Who? Taylor. Coolidge. Okay. Tasie, Savage. Kim, Ky, Matthew, Ky, Shirley, Marie, Raven.

Vanessa West (00:24:17):

Okay, thank you. It is on.

Matt Ferkey (00:24:18):

It is on. Okay.

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Vanessa West (00:24:24):

Okay, so approval of election of budget committee chair.

Connie Walton (00:24:34):

Are there only two of us here that are on the budget committee else? Who's on the budget committee now? You are. I am

Vanessa West (00:24:43):

Three. We had four, but one was unable to make it the family issues. So we have three. So between the three of you, we need a chair, vice chair and I think a secretary.

Connie Walton (00:25:02):

Well we've each got a job.

Vanessa West (00:25:05):

So you guys vote.

Matt Ferkey (00:25:07):

I'll take the

Vanessa West (00:25:07):

Chair. So someone has to motion to, he loves me

Cindy Haberman (00:25:10):

To go in. I motion Cindy to be president. I motion you to be vice. Okay. So that you get to be secretary.

Vanessa West (00:25:20):

Okay. Everyone all in favor?

Matt Ferkey (00:25:23):

Aye.

Vanessa West (00:25:25):

All in favor?

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:25:26):

Sure. Is that fair? Do you want to be, you can be the chair. No, I don't want to be the chair. Thank you very much. So do I actually need to take notes to the secretary or

Vanessa West (00:25:35):

No, Jordan,

ShirleyMarie Raven (00:25:36):

You've got that.

Vanessa West ([00:25:37](#)):

It's just nobody. I don't think anybody does anything different no matter what yours is. You just have to be Have a title.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:25:46](#)):

I have a title.

Vanessa West ([00:25:47](#)):

So there's a title. Very prestigious titles. They are but yes. Yes, they're Okay. So that has been done. So approval of previous budget committee minutes.

Brittany Hornung ([00:25:59](#)):

I don't think that's a thing.

Vanessa West ([00:26:01](#)):

Okay, then that's not a thing. And I'll move on to my next review and discussion of proposed budget for physical year of 2024.

Matt Ferkey ([00:26:09](#)):

Okay, so

Vanessa West ([00:26:11](#)):

Meeting over

Brittany Hornung ([00:26:11](#)):

To Cindy.

Vanessa West ([00:26:12](#)):

I'll turn the meeting over to Cindy

Cindy Haberman ([00:26:15](#)):

And I say turn the meeting. I turn the meeting over to you to review through the budget to us.

Vanessa West ([00:26:23](#)):

I'm going to move this closer, the voice recorder that way. Okay. Sure. I am Brittany Hornung. I am the accountant who has been engaged to prepare the proposed budget for the Mapleton Water District 2024. 2025 fiscal year.

Brittany Hornung ([00:26:44](#)):

Typically we just go down this line by line. So if you'll turn to page one, brief overview. Over on the right hand side you'll see proposed by budget officer for the coming 20 24, 20 25 year. Over on the left hand side you'll see the previously adopted budget, which is the one we are currently in, 23, 24 and two years of actual historical data. The first number that we generally look at is the available cash on hand line. One that represents the cash that we are estimating to have on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year. And we have calculated that figure to be \$96,345. Budgeted for interest. Income is \$600. Water revenue is

budgeted to be \$256,950 connections. \$300. Miscellaneous \$1,000 IFA grant loan \$862,605. Backflow testing, \$700 ar RPA grant, \$629,713 and streetlight revenue \$10,050 for a total budget of 1,858,263. Any questions so far?

Jordan Walker ([00:28:19](#)):

I don't have a question, but I have an error of mine that I'd like to correct. The congressional grant, 800,000 needs to be moved over to the column on line 12. It just needs to be moved because it's existing.

Brittany Hornung ([00:28:36](#)):

It needs to be moved over

Jordan Walker ([00:28:38](#)):

To Yeah, because we have proposed it needs to be moved over to the, it needs to be proposed. It needs to be to the proposed. Yeah, over.

Brittany Hornung ([00:28:50](#)):

Oh, we need to add

Jordan Walker ([00:28:53](#)):

\$800,000 to

Brittany Hornung ([00:28:53](#)):

The budget this

Jordan Walker ([00:28:53](#)):

Year. It's existed. So it's rolling over.

Brittany Hornung ([00:28:57](#)):

Well, we'd still have to budget it. Yeah. So we're going to add

Jordan Walker ([00:29:00](#)):

\$800,000.

Brittany Hornung ([00:29:01](#)):

Correct. Okay.

Jordan Walker ([00:29:03](#)):

So we'll need it.

Brittany Hornung ([00:29:05](#)):

That's okay. We just note these changes and we can still,

Jordan Walker ([00:29:09](#)):

Are you saying we've already spent that? We haven't spent any out of it. Well, it says 800 bucks.

Brittany Hornung ([00:29:17](#)):

You the

Jordan Walker ([00:29:17](#)):

Congressional grant, correct? Yes. So it's been allocated. We are in the process of being able to drop. So

Brittany Hornung ([00:29:26](#)):

You have not received any of those funds,

Vanessa West ([00:29:28](#)):

Correct? It is the EPA grant. I call it. I call it by the departments I work with for it. So yes, that one. We have not dropped any off. We do plan on using it this year.

Brittany Hornung ([00:29:40](#)):

Okay.

Jordan Walker ([00:29:43](#)):

2.6.

Brittany Hornung ([00:29:46](#)):

So

Jordan Walker ([00:29:47](#)):

1 8 5 3. Why is I asked Brittany to break that out this year. Keep track of how much we're bringing in is streetlight revenue versus how much we bank. So then is my understanding correct, it's not like we've got a new revenue source, we're just classifying it. Correct. Correct.

Vanessa West ([00:30:19](#)):

That way

Vanessa West ([00:30:19](#)):

We can tell people like we really do pay.

Brittany Hornung ([00:30:28](#)):

So our new total budget is going to be 2,658,000 2 63 with that additional \$800,000 on line 12. Moving on to page two, this summarizes totals that are shown later. So the first one we're going to look at, we're going to actually jump to page four to total personnel services.

Brittany Hornung ([00:31:07](#)):

Starting at the top of line one. Operations wages budgeted for \$52,400. Payroll taxes, \$10,000 workers' compensation, \$2,400, retirement, \$24,300. Administrative wages, \$33,670, unemployment, \$500 overtime, \$5,000 and wage dispute, \$17,004 with an FTE calculation of 1.5 for a total of \$145,274 in personnel services. Any questions on that? Okay, the next page is page five goes over materials and services starting at the top. Operating supplies line, one budgeted for \$12,000. Office supplies and billings, \$4,500, accounting, audit and budget, \$15,100. Legal, \$5,000 insurance and bond, \$7,000.

Miscellaneous, \$2,000 maintenance and repairs, \$20,000 power, \$10,000 permits and certification, 2,500, travel 2000, telephone 5,000 water samples, 4,000 rent, 4,200 backflow testing, 700 vehicle operations, 4,000 safety and security, 500 publications and elections. 800 street lighting, 12,000 dues, 1,200. Plant management services, 8,400, landscape maintenance, 500 billing program, 600 water system fuel 500 and software and IT services 12,000 for a total materials and services of \$134,500. So if you'll jump back to page two, are there any questions so far on materials and services?

Connie Walton ([00:33:19](#)):

Yeah, I got a question on that. The streetlight revenue is \$10,050, but we're paying 12,000. That's correct. That's all. Oh, okay. Oh, I was just sure. Okay. That's why I wanted to split it up so we can keep track. And then people, a lot of people think that we don't even pay for the lights, so it'd be helpful for everyone to see that difference. Do we have the option of increasing that monthly fee for people? We just have to vote on it, bring it up and then we have to vote. So that's what's going to get brought up as the meeting.

Brittany Hornung ([00:34:04](#)):

So back on page two. I guess I have a question for you that we

Brittany Hornung ([00:34:09](#)):

Have a thousand

Brittany Hornung ([00:34:10](#)):

Dollars, are we increasing system improvements or is that going on a

Jordan Walker ([00:34:14](#)):

Different? That would be system improvements. Okay.

Brittany Hornung ([00:34:18](#)):

So that number on page two, line 30 is going to change to 2,064,398. 2 0 6 4 3 9 8 2 0

Matt Ferkey ([00:34:40](#)):

What?

Brittany Hornung ([00:34:41](#)):

6 4, 3, 9, 8.

Connie Walton ([00:34:54](#)):

So I'm sorry, go ahead. Well, I do have a question on the personnel issues. Are we back on that? Sure. Well, we've got 1.5 people who is running it and are they certified? Where does that all stand? We're still paying A-D-R-C-I begged so many local DRCs. I begged and begged and begged and harassed them with their personal cell phone numbers that I got from other community members and begged and no, we couldn't find anyone. Luckily our DRC who oversees us though, he's only seven, \$800 a month when the previous one was 2,500 plus 10 or 20 hours a month at \$150 an hour and such. So we are saving a significant amount of money with Dave and free phone calls. So I think are you talking about the overall employment in terms of, or statuses? Right. So he's not a late employee. We need somebody obviously who's certified to run our district.

Connie Walton ([00:35:58](#)):

And that's the DRC? Right. Our DRC we do pay and then run the contract person. So are you the one that's running the power plant type thing? Correct. Water treatment plant Currently? Yes. Okay. And then Tasia is our operator, assistant assistant operator. And so she can get part-time and Matt's full-time. Okay. Okay. Just want to make sure all the, and I still don't understand this why it's saying 1.5 because we're, well the positions themselves, everybody employed is technically part-time, which is why it says 1.5. Even if the hours vary because we projected different levels of hours roughly year depending on, for instance, the new plan is probably going to take additional hours you say. Okay, so the 1.5 is just the bare minimum, but you accounted for the additional hours over the part-time in the wages, right? Correct. Okay.

Connie Walton ([00:37:08](#)):

Well, I don't know if this is pertinent or not, but I am curious, how did it turn out, and we don't have to go into detail from the wages and stuff that was going on with the person that was here not being paid overtime, hours that all came out and worked out through the state and everything. It's all you wrote out eight. There's the wage dispute by eight, we're paying payments. Oh, okay. Okay. Yeah. On page four, \$17,004 for how long is that? Five years. It's a five year. Okay. Five years. Well good, I'm glad that got resolved. That was a big, and

Brittany Hornung ([00:37:54](#)):

That also

Brittany Hornung ([00:37:54](#)):

Impacts, that was a big

Brittany Hornung ([00:37:56](#)):

Line two on that same and line four

Matt Ferkey ([00:38:01](#)):

Because we have to pay payroll taxes and such on the wage dispute. Now he's not still considered an employee, does he? No, no. We are paying him the settlement. So he's getting taxed like he's an employee but he's not, he can't, it's an effect. Back wages. Back wages, yeah. And he's still receiving retirement contributions based on those earnings. Correct. Yeah. Okay.

Brittany Hornung ([00:38:32](#)):

Okay. Any other questions on first? Non materials and services? Okay, so page two, starting at line 29, equipment is budgeted for \$20,000. System improvements, \$2,064,398, office and computer equipment, \$3,000 and new filtration system, \$60,000 and then that.

Connie Walton ([00:39:01](#)):

Yep. I have a question. Vanessa, what happened with equipment that was stolen and did the insurance pay for it? Is it we have it recouped? What's the deal with that? Yes, so I can give you update on that. So we did follow a claim. They did reimbursed us for the total of email. We did recover two pieces of equipment. Equipment. So we refunded them that amount that we make recovered. So the total claim after we recovered equipment was about 3000. And we did call the police immediately and filed a report and checked in several times, but the sheriffs were too busy and there was some pretty big cases going on, but

they never once did. Actually, I'm going to give you kudos for what you did to make sure that they were caught for all the thefts and stuff around here. You kept on it and you made the arrest happen.

Connie Walton ([00:39:53](#)):

Good job. That was for the mail. Thank you. And I tried hard with the other one. We even got some equipment from someone's property and we still couldn't get the sheriffs to go over there, but they were working on, have them working on some pretty big cases and they're really nice, the sheriff's around here, but they are not, they're overwork. We have too much work. But yeah, so we did it. We did get refunded for everything and now we have cameras good that are only helpful if we have internet, which sunshine, they're recording, they are recording. The Hyatt cameras are recording, have onsite storage. We have 'em on storage. So if something did happen, we could review the finish, somehow review it. Cool.

Brittany Hornung ([00:40:46](#)):

Okay. Moving on to page three.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:40:50](#)):

Did you want to give us new totals on 1 35 and 36?

Brittany Hornung ([00:40:54](#)):

Yeah. So new totals on. Yes. 1 36 is 2,427,172 and 1 3 4 7 9. And line 35 is 2,147,000 3 98. Thank you. You're welcome. Okay, so page three. Under debt service we have budgeted \$15,700 state loan interest payment and operating contingency was budgeted for \$215,391. So that gives you total requirements not allocated to an organizational unit or program of \$231,091. Line 33 has been changed to 202,427,000 1 72.

Connie Walton ([00:42:14](#)):

2 4 2. Okay, so the operating contingency, it's like a hundred thousand dollars more.

Brittany Hornung ([00:42:24](#)):

Yeah, operating contingency is really what's used to it helps to balance the budget. So you either have operating contingency or you have reserve for future expenditures because this is a water district with recurring dues opposed to say a municipality that collects property taxes where you don't necessarily need a required reserve because we rely on the regular water revenue. Okay. So that's why it's in operating contingency. We like to aim for it to at least be right around 15% of the total budget. And if something occurs during the year where they need that money, the board has the authority to reallocate it. 2 4 2 1 2 1 5 3 9. So the total budget on line 35 should equal, I must say added wrong somewhere

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:43:38](#)):

1 6 3 plus. Yeah. When we add the 800,000 2 6 5 8 2 6 3,

Brittany Hornung ([00:43:47](#)):

Which

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:43:47](#)):

Equals 9 31 on page one.

Brittany Hornung ([00:43:49](#)):

Correct.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:44:02](#)):

Yep.

Brittany Hornung ([00:44:03](#)):

So that's the total budget. I'm going to turn the meeting back over to Cindy. You guys can discuss and or make a motion to approve the propose proposed budget as amended during the meeting with changes.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:44:28](#)):

So do we have anything else we'd like to look at or add? Have questions or? Yeah. Are we currently making monthly payments on the loan that 15 seven? Are we currently making monthly payments on that Jordan? Not as of yet. So that's just interest accrued on the amount that we'll draw. Basically the identity year. When are we required to start making those payments? We're not required to make payments until next budget year. Okay. So we're accruing the interest at this point, not paying it? Yes. Okay. Okay. I'm good. Okay. Does anybody else have anything? I think I feel pretty good with it. I know that we approve it with the changes that have been stated that she's taken down and good with that. I'll first, second, whatever we need to do here and then all in favor?

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:45:39](#)):

Okay. All three of those. So that's been approved? Yes. Do we vote to Yes. So then you'll turn the meeting, you'll close the budget meeting and turn it back over to the board. Okay. I am closing the budget meeting at this time at a quarter to six and turning it back over to the regular board meeting, Vanessa. And then what do we do? What do I do? You'll motion and second and approve the budget with the approved changes that the budget committee approve. So someone on the board needs to make. So someone needs to make the motion to make that we have to be in a regular meeting. I already opened the regular meeting and started the budget meeting and make a motion that we go ahead and I second vote on the budget with the And you're going to second and all in favor? Aye. Aye. Passed. I'm going to run in get package for the regular. Okay. And I going to do, we've about 11 minutes before the regular meeting starts. Okay. We can get a few more people to come. I, I'm trying to get you, thank you. All of you that are working on the budget because every single time I think about something else we're doing and having to change and another thing that we're incurring, it makes me cringe after we send it to you. So thank you. I figure it all out.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:47:17](#)):

There's a lot more than just this little bit. She also my famous And how are we going to up, Vanessa? Pull it out of our fairy funds. I'm Brittany. Nice to meet you. Brittany. Who? Horning. Good. I'm Sharon. Nice to meet you Sharon. I know all arts updates for the, well, for a lot of these projects you don't have.

Brittany Hornung ([00:47:45](#)):

No, I think I'm good to leave. Right?

Vanessa West ([00:47:47](#)):

I think you're good to leave and we're just going to wait until six o'clock because it's a public board meeting at six o'clock. The regular one, I don't want to start early because we might actually get people to show up and if they do we started with that would not be correct. Thank you.

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Julie Doran-Lee (00:48:11):

Although there's nothing major going wrong right now, but yeah, so we do have

Julie Doran-Lee (00:48:18):

To, no, I didn't.

Vanessa West (00:48:22):

And she's talked in the ear that I haven't been

Vanessa West (00:48:23):

Able to hear out of in three weeks, so I didn't even hear what she said to repeat it. She said there's nothing wrong going on right now.

Vanessa West (00:48:34):

You haven't been here all day.

Sharon Kelly (00:48:36):

What's been going on? Coming on Wednesday to fix broken stuff. What happened?

Vanessa West (00:48:42):

Maybe attend the meeting, Julie, and you'll find

Matt Ferkey (00:48:44):

Out just leaks and not big leaks, but question. But yeah, just spend the more time. That's awesome. The packet. Oh, I'm nervous. Curious. And

Julie Doran-Lee (00:49:02):

Where are we going to get that

Matt Ferkey (00:49:03):

From? Not having

Julie Doran-Lee (00:49:13):

Kayani. Yeah, yeah,

Matt Ferkey (00:49:17):

What the call is.

Julie Doran-Lee (00:49:19):

She's still coming out.

Connie Walton (00:49:20):

It's Vanessa out every morning, every night you see her.

Vanessa West ([00:49:22](#)):

Seriously Still

Connie Walton ([00:49:25](#)):

Three times we've had people stop at our house and say, your dog's out. I'm 36. I go, dog goes right here. So I just thought I'd let you know that

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:49:36](#)):

I leave her in the house every morning when I leave and every night when I get back home, she's in the house,

Connie Walton ([00:49:43](#)):

She straight out of the house.

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:49:45](#)):

She goes through the cat door, but then that's through a fence and underneath the house and through another fence. I

Connie Walton ([00:49:56](#)):

Okay. I didn't know what to call her when she was, yeah. Oh, she's out visiting all the time.

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:50:02](#)):

She loves everybody.

Connie Walton ([00:50:05](#)):

Yeah. Do you only have the one rose?

Vanessa West ([00:50:08](#)):

Deadly? Yeah, I know, huh?

Connie Walton ([00:50:10](#)):

It's just the one

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:50:12](#)):

I rehomed the other because I thought that she was really the cause of all of it and she was awful to Kehlani. She was just a bully and making her miserable. So I re hounded her.

Sharon Kelly ([00:50:31](#)):

You guys have, I'll stay for the meeting though. Dinner and then I'll stay. Well, I haven't had my dinner yet,

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:50:42](#)):

Kara. I thought I caught her like a week ago and she got in trouble and I thought she was being good all this time

Connie Walton ([00:50:51](#)):

This morning. I about, okay, thank you husband do better. You have one more surgery across the river. Poor surgery.

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:51:02](#)):

Oh, she loves to go swimming.

Connie Walton ([00:51:04](#)):

It's been the last two and a half years on the front porch and we had the door open. The date was hot Thursday.

Vanessa West ([00:51:10](#)):

Real? Yeah.

Sharon Kelly ([00:51:14](#)):

But you had surgery and stuff too. You doing good? Got got,

Vanessa West ([00:51:21](#)):

I can't believe. Okay. A

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:51:22](#)):

Bacteria.

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:51:23](#)):

Alright, we're going on to plan B now. I've got another spot that I got to try to block off and see if that prevents it. I thought I fixed it.

Connie Walton ([00:51:32](#)):

My, I hate

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:51:35](#)):

Me too.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:51:36](#)):

And I also have a I and don't have a cold. Anyway, I

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:51:44](#)):

Even brought her home treats today because I thought she was being so good.

Cindy Haberman ([00:51:47](#)):

And when you hit sixties, oh my god, your lone start creaking 85. Yeah. No, you're doing great. Not,

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:52:02](#)):

Yeah, I blocked off everything I could think of.

Connie Walton ([00:52:08](#)):

Had to chuckle us. That tion thing. The skirting, the bottom sticks. You can see it. Before I walked down Aer than I was, I

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:52:22](#)):

Didn't want to be in there. I think I'm going to have to buy some plywood and have fix that door.

Matt Ferkey ([00:52:31](#)):

The surgery.

Vanessa West ([00:52:33](#)):

I have more minutes.

Matt Ferkey ([00:52:33](#)):

Me too. And down.

Vanessa West ([00:52:38](#)):

She looks just like Nancy's dog. I was driving by Nancy's house one day and I was like, my dog's at your house.

Matt Ferkey ([00:52:47](#)):

Four hours.

Vanessa West ([00:52:48](#)):

Oh, how is it with just the one dog? Well, apparently I just found out I thought she was being so good and she's not. She's going to visit there every day. Oh yeah.

Vanessa West ([00:52:58](#)):

Like I said, I just on treats today. I thought she was feeling so good and that leak that you had me go look at, I went and looked at it and tested it for chlorine and then I told Matt I tested it for chlorine. But no, it is a leak. It's a small one. We're already losing, still losing two thirds of the water we produce. But he said that there was no chlorine in it because by the time it goes through all the dirt and everything finally pops up. And then with the hot sun, then it evaporates. That's why it doesn't test for the chlorine. It was a nice hot day and it's such a small leak that it evaporated. So yeah. So that is the leak over by your house. And then we're going to fix that one on Wednesday.

Matt Ferkey ([00:53:34](#)):

I thought they were down the road there. I wonder if our radiologist,

Vanessa West ([00:53:38](#)):

We've been kind of holding off. It was a small leak and we didn't want to pay a big company to come over and fix one small leak. We were waiting for another

Matt Ferkey ([00:53:48](#)):

Later. And Joseph, I walked by there and I saw that one. It had leak before right there.

Vanessa West ([00:53:55](#)):

I remember you telling me about it a couple years ago.

Matt Ferkey ([00:54:00](#)):

I left. Yeah.

Vanessa West ([00:54:03](#)):

So they're coming on Wednesday.

Vanessa West ([00:54:06](#)):

Yeah, they came over today and they were going to try to squeeze this in tomorrow afternoon, but by the time I was done talking to 'em, I'm like, you're not going to get your project done soon enough to get over here and get these done. There's no way you're laying 60 yards of asphalt. I don't think it's not going to go smoothly. So instead of him canceling us last minute, he scheduled us for Wednesday. They'll be here in the morning, but it'll take a couple hours. They'll get it all prepped. And so you guys probably won't be out of water for more than a half hour. They'll try to do it, get a bolt dug up, get kind of prepped, but then you'll be on an automatic boil water notice just because the PSI will be down below 20 PSI. It'll be off. So then we got to give you and a mandatory boil water advisory just means you may or may not have anything. We have to test it and it has to come up clean and then we can tell you that you can drink it. It doesn't mean it's contaminated, it just means

Vanessa West ([00:55:05](#)):

There's a possibility and we have to test it and get the results back. Well and because when it's zero is not bad, but if it gets negative, it can suck. So if there's motor oil in the ground or other things, other things in the ground, it sucks in the, it creates a vacuum in the pipe. And then so it can,

Matt Ferkey ([00:55:28](#)):

The way that I like to look at, and I have this in my house, so my upstairs faucet and my downstairs faucet, if I touch a piece of food in my upstairs faucet and then both of those faucets get turned on at the same time, it's going to suck that food back into the lines and take it down to my basement faucet. Now in our distribution lines, that can happen too. We have backflow devices on most, so it's not a huge deal. But on a lot of our, well, we have backflow devices on most that require all the require backflow device. But in our neighborhood, if there are some houses that there's the two story house that's right across from where elite, technically, if that two story house has water upstairs and they have some contaminant, they turn on their line and it sucks a contaminant in that line and then somebody downstream from them, technically it could pull that liquid, our distribution lines. And that's a big portion of it is just that right there is that when we have no water pressure, there's nothing preventing stuff from the customer's lines pulled out. Yeah. Wow.

Vanessa West ([00:56:37](#)):

So

Matt Ferkey ([00:56:37](#)):

You guys have a

Vanessa West ([00:56:38](#)):

Key to lock the store, I thought. Was it? I just wanted to make sure. Yes, we do have a key. Okay. Jordan has a key. I thought so. Thank you. Okay, one more minute guys.

Matt Ferkey ([00:56:54](#)):

All right, thank

Vanessa West ([00:56:55](#)):

You. Thank you.

Matt Ferkey ([00:56:57](#)):

And then like she said, if a water main has a leak right next to somebody's sewer, septic leach field, technically if that water has been mixing because we've been adding, if there's a leak, we've been pressurizing that. Adding water, if we drop that pressure, just the weight of that water alone, we put it back in. Yeah.

Vanessa West ([00:57:22](#)):

So yeah. So it's not that our water's bad, it's that contaminants could be sucked in if we have negative pressure. Yeah, that makes sense. Yeah. So it's not our water,

ShirleyMarie Raven ([00:57:31](#)):

The new lines that eventually we don't have a grant yet, or new lines to, are they going to go deeper if we ever get more ones? Because they said, my neighbor said that's part of the too shallow.

Vanessa West ([00:57:45](#)):

Well, they're 70 something years old. That's the problem. That's the problem. They're over there

Matt Ferkey ([00:57:51](#)):

On some levels. I hope that they don't put 'em deeper a whole lot deeper because when they're deep enough that we have to hire a contractor, I mean that problem, some lines we can dig up and fix. And

Vanessa West ([00:58:08](#)):

So we're investigating with these two. So then we'll know and then we might be able to do them ourselves if we don't need a backhoe or this or that. So this will give us some good information to where we might be and find out if it's a main line that's above us. But if it's a connection, a smaller connection, that's something we could be able to, okay, so it's 6 0 1 Monday May 13th and I am opening the meeting approval of the agenda, call to order roll call. And how do you tell if this guy's on? He don't. Okay,

Jordan Walker ([00:58:43](#)):

If you push that, it should be mowing. Okay.

Vanessa West ([00:58:49](#)):

So call the order. So we've got Vanessa West here on the board. Julie Dorn,

Julie Doran-Lee ([00:58:54](#)):

Lee Sherry

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Vanessa West ([00:58:55](#)):

And community members.

Matt Ferkey ([00:58:58](#)):

Tammy Kin, Leon Hadley, d Lee, Hadley, me, Kim, Kirk, Stacy, Savage, Matthew, Shirley. Marie.

Vanessa West ([00:59:13](#)):

Okay. Would anyone like to change or add to the agenda, add anything or make any changes? I think the new leak today will be under the plant system update. So that should be fine. I think you have, everything looks good to me, but I'm the one that helped make the agenda.

Matt Ferkey ([00:59:49](#)):

Do we have one? Oh, okay. That's the other. Oh, is that my other?

Vanessa West ([00:59:56](#)):

This right here. Is there anything else that you wanted to be added or removed?

Jordan Walker ([01:00:02](#)):

But it's the same agenda. It's just materials inside it.

Vanessa West ([01:00:06](#)):

So does everything look, we don't need to vote, right? Hold on.

Jordan Walker ([01:00:14](#)):

Yeah, it's just if there are any changes.

Vanessa West ([01:00:15](#)):

Okay, so no one has any changes to the tonight's agenda, correct? No. No changes to tonight's agenda? No. Okay. Then we're moving to the consent agenda, approval of the minutes.

Jordan Walker ([01:00:28](#)):

So the second pm L is minutes for September. It's like six, I think you may want to look over before we actually approve this. That's a lot to,

Vanessa West ([01:00:47](#)):

Yeah, we, you can

Jordan Walker ([01:00:49](#)):

Exclude this through January.

Vanessa West ([01:00:51](#)):

Do you think somebody could recommend for us to be able to review these? You can send 'em to us on Well, we got 'em on this form. What you

Jordan Walker ([01:00:56](#)):

Can do is just approve the consent agenda, excluding the minutes that have been presented.

Vanessa West (01:01:04):

Okay. But could these be included? Added to our website and be put draft or something like that? Yeah,

Jordan Walker (01:01:15):

It says unapproved. So I can add,

Vanessa West (01:01:17):

So you can add the unimproved minutes on there. So I'd like to have more time to kind of read through 'em a little bit more, but I would like them to be put up on the Yeah, as unapproved so people can try to catch up as we get caught up on them. I

Jordan Walker (01:01:30):

Think the count has 37 pages here. So take a bit.

Vanessa West (01:01:35):

Yeah,

Vanessa West (01:01:38):

So

Vanessa West (01:01:40):

Then we have the approval, then we got the, so what's

Jordan Walker (01:01:42):

That? You don't number the pages? I number the pages of the individual sections. Oh, okay. So yeah.

Vanessa West (01:01:50):

Okay. So the next is the April time sheets. I've already seen those. So that would be the next packet over here

Matt Ferkey (01:01:57):

Show.

Vanessa West (01:02:00):

So that's

Vanessa West (01:02:01):

Just the minutes. So this year you can review

Vanessa West (01:02:04):

'em. We're going to vote next month.

Vanessa West (01:02:05):

So read those 40 pages for the next. Okay, what time sheets? Here's the time sheets. This memo. We didn't, huh?

Vanessa West ([01:02:30](#)):

No, we couldn't have approved this

Matt Ferkey ([01:02:32](#)):

April. Oh, after 15. Pardon me? Dust is not working.

Vanessa West ([01:02:39](#)):

Correct, but he still had his last paycheck.

Sharon Kelly ([01:02:50](#)):

We're going to have to do something about mine.

Vanessa West ([01:02:56](#)):

Buy a vehicle and pay for own maintenance and her own gas. That would be,

Sharon Kelly ([01:03:01](#)):

No, that's not exactly what I had in mind. We went back and forth every time I thought we couldn't. We couldn't. It needed at least two hours.

Vanessa West ([01:03:12](#)):

That's what I thought. But it doesn't have to be.

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:03:13](#)):

Oh, okay.

Vanessa West ([01:03:16](#)):

And I do like

Vanessa West ([01:03:20](#)):

The more detail in these to show what people did. I think it's helpful for us to look and see. And then it's also helpful for you guys to remember what day was work on health authority there and what day was this and when did I call? so-and-so then, okay, I told 'em I call him in a week or so. It's time to call. So I think it's kind of helpful for you guys and for us. So yeah, so the more that you write on there, and you could even go a little more even for we what area, so that you could know. And then you can go through your rotation again, but it doesn't be too detailed. But if you got room, same thing. I mean, although this is kind of, it may not weed eating, but if you go in, this is very beautiful. Do the exercise, the valves, that would be a good one to put on there so someone would know later. Not necessarily the weed eating, but kind of the more important stuff. But yeah, so nope, the more the better. And these look pretty good. So anybody want, oh wait, we don't need the motion. We need to go to the next one. Approval of expenditures. Oh boy.

Vanessa West ([01:04:30](#)):

Boy. I signed a bunch of checks the other day.

Jordan Walker ([01:04:34](#)):

Those related, this

Vanessa West ([01:04:36](#)):

Aren't even in this.

Jordan Walker ([01:04:37](#)):

No, that's for me. So I know that the board has, it's kind of off, well it's related. So I'm trying to create a mastery spreadsheet for all revenue and expenditures, so I can give more detail to the board and also to Brittany and Taylor. So it's more accurate

Vanessa West ([01:04:59](#)):

And more organized where it goes.

Jordan Walker ([01:05:03](#)):

So this is kind of a rough draft. It's a splitting the expenditures and then the sports category. I'm calling it operating. That's just, it's unrestricted funds is what it says. Operate. So other funds are for a specific category or they have rules supportive to it according to the agreement.

Vanessa West ([01:05:30](#)):

Okay. So you're going to work on this a little bit more to get it a little more easier to read? Or did you work on it this time and so it's easier to I

Jordan Walker ([01:05:36](#)):

Just added columns.

Vanessa West ([01:05:38](#)):

Okay. You added columns. Okay. Yes, we got a laminator.

Jordan Walker ([01:05:47](#)):

I did the laminator.

Vanessa West ([01:05:49](#)):

That's good to know.

Jordan Walker ([01:05:53](#)):

That was a three reverse casino

Vanessa West ([01:05:56](#)):

Purchase. Yeah. Nope. That's very nice. Guess we won't have a central Lincoln bill anymore. Or central link bill anywhere else. Oh, we'll have, that's the only one of, oh, I guess study for the office. Okay, so do we want to can consent agenda? Does somebody want to make a motion? Because I'm not allowed to make motions and remember that we're going to,

Sharon Kelly ([01:06:34](#)):

I make the motion without the expenditures.

Vanessa West ([01:06:37](#)):

What else? It would be the consent agenda. Okay.

Sharon Kelly ([01:06:40](#)):

Just consent agenda

Vanessa West ([01:06:43](#)):

Minus the approval of the minutes

Sharon Kelly ([01:06:46](#)):

Minus the approved 2.1.

Vanessa West ([01:06:49](#)):

Correct.

Sharon Kelly ([01:06:51](#)):

Okay. I make that motion.

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:06:53](#)):

I second. All in favor? Aye. Okay, so next is this will be Jordan. Want to start this real quick?

Jordan Walker ([01:07:20](#)):

Sure. So in order to complete the plan project, we did additional financing, let's assistance from the state that was approved for \$800,000 and an additional loan to our existing loan and an additional \$50,000 grant. We don't have a final amended contract yet, but it should be forthcoming probably this week I think. So what we would like is for the board to give Vanessa permission to sign that contract when it comes in.

Vanessa West ([01:07:57](#)):

All right. So I make a motion that we approve that Vanessa signs the contract when that comes in to update our loan agreement. And Sharon, would you like a second? Yes. All in favor. Okay. I do want to say there is a 50 50 chance that \$800,000 loan might be forgiven and we'll have an idea in August. There was some projects that other areas are not getting done on time and they will lose the money. And if federal money and the state of Oregon does not want to give it back to the federal government. So I think August is when they should know if there's several million that will get divided amongst other projects that are on track. And we are one on track. So they have our name, they have our information, they've already got us in line so that if in August it comes to find out that there's several, a few million dollars that's left on the table, we could get all of that. We could get a portion. And so that's pretty exciting news. But we had to get a loan set up, like a pre-approval letter. We had to get it set up just so that we could sign the contracts with these different contractors.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:09:07](#)):

So are we anticipating that with this new amount that we will have the money we need to complete our project?

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Vanessa West (01:09:14):

Correct. Awesome. There's also money in there to pay.

Jordan Walker (01:09:20):

That's the award letter,

Julie Doran-Lee (01:09:22):

But this is what we're talking about or what We were just the contract. Correct. But for me to sign a contract, it's

Jordan Walker (01:09:27):

Just an award letter. It's not the actual

Vanessa West (01:09:29):

Contract. Okay. Your question again, why does it say it's a grant? We're going

ShirleyMarie Raven (01:09:32):

To have the money. It's a grant anticipated. It should

Vanessa West (01:09:35):

Say the 850 total. That includes even fencing. That includes our rental for the rental skid. That includes all the costs that we can think of that we're going to have, plus the cost of the contractors plus 10% contingency in here. So yeah,

Matt Ferkey (01:09:55):

It's the loan and we have the loan.

Vanessa West (01:09:59):

We just gave permission for me to sign the loan. We need to sign the form and then we don't have to borrow it though. If we don't have to pay anything on the loan, if we don't borrow it, we don't borrow it and it costs us nothing, but we just have to secure it at this time to move on with the project. Is that possible forgiveness, loan forgiveness, is that only for the 800,000 or is that for this total amount of our loan? That would only be for the 800,000. It's not a loan forgiveness, it's that we could just get someone else's money. So what we've already borrowed, there's no way to get forgiven that I know of, but we just won't have to borrow more to complete our project. We

ShirleyMarie Raven (01:10:36):

Would get an additional grant amount rather than have to hold the

Vanessa West (01:10:40):

Law. Correct. That's my understanding. Okay.

Jordan Walker (01:10:45):

That sounds right.

Vanessa West (01:10:46):

Yeah, that was my understanding. So hopefully we'll have really good news in around August and I hear it's looking pretty good.

Sharon Kelly (01:10:58):

The only thing that would look good, that point would be up there operating.

Vanessa West (01:11:03):

Yeah, so that's been done. Ecwa grant update, the QUIA grant update. We

Jordan Walker (01:11:14):

Don't have any additional materials I can start. So we're in the process of meeting all the EEPs requirements, more like administrative requirements to have access to the money, including the anti-discrimination, but non-discrimination policies, which will probably be presented to the board next meeting. We don't have the amount

Vanessa West (01:11:38):

For the ecwa. This is an emergency grant for the intake.

Jordan Walker (01:11:41):

Oh, sorry.

Vanessa West (01:11:42):

Okay. Question for Yes. Okay. I was going to say, what do you know about this grant?

Jordan Walker (01:11:48):

You would

Vanessa West (01:11:49):

Information that? Okay, so this grant, we've been waiting since February for the engineers West Yos to, we completed the application and the environmental study got kicked back by the Fish and Wildlife in a couple other departments. We had to go through this long process. It is we had to hire an archeologist and go through the Fish and wildlife and so I did the easy part and got that part done. And then it was kind of more that they said it was more than what I could do myself. So we are having our engineer finish it up. It took them intel just, they still don't have the contract for me to review. So they've been finding the archeologist and getting the bid and still haven't put together the documents for me for us to sign yet since February. So it's like February, March, April, may. It's like three months just for them to hire an architect.

Vanessa West (01:12:46):

So everything's very slow going when it comes with them. But it does seem like from the email that I did get today, it seemed like in the next couple of weeks the archeologists will be coming out and doing some groundwork and the process will get going. But the longest time is reviewing the contracts and getting the bids and getting the engineer doing, I guess there's a lot of work they have to do and account for and make sure they get their money out of it. So that's where we've been. We turned in the complete application of everything that was asked for us. I think it was in December and it was in February when

we were told that we had to do additional stuff based on the criteria, which is a couple different birds that are up there. So that's, what else did

Sharon Kelly ([01:13:27](#)):

We ask for

Vanessa West ([01:13:30](#)):

\$1 million And that will replace our intake line from the intake, the distribution line to our treatment plant, redo the road, replace the culvert, remove some dangerous trees and add some sort of barriers so that if a major slide does come down the canyon, that it's less likely to wipe out our treatment plan. So that's what this is. And this is a completely separate \$1 million emergency grant for hazard mitigation and the money will come fairly quick. Like I say, we've been working on this process, we just need to finish these last few little things that they're requesting and then we'll be able to hopefully get the started by August is kind of what the game plan is for this project. But we can't cut down the trees until mid-September because of the birds. So that's what the timeframe is. It's looking really good for us to get it. We just have to finish up with all these reports next, the Oregon Health Authority survey.

Matt Ferkey ([01:14:37](#)):

We are still waiting to hear back on that. I would assume that we expect to have some deficiencies. Well, I know we have some deficiencies, but they're all going to be correctable reasonably, I believe.

Vanessa West ([01:14:51](#)):

Okay. Every so many years we have to have the Oregon Health Authority, a hands-on go through our system and they've got a big checklist of all this stuff that they have to go through. We of course, didn't get perfect, but we did pretty well and they gave us some really good ideas of some additional little things that we can do to tweak. But yeah, overall it was a good meeting and more. And then it also helps because when we have a problem, we always notify the Oregon Health Authority and it helps for them to have a better idea of our system so they can help us. So we have a question. So

Matt Ferkey ([01:15:26](#)):

They are also possibly within the next year considering reducing our water treatment plant classification from a level two to a level one, which would potentially allow us easier access to finding a direct responsible charge because we'd only need a water treatment plant level one operator to run the plant without a separate DRC. One of the things that's taking into consideration is our water pH coming into the system, but they want a year of tracking that before they remove that.

Vanessa West ([01:16:09](#)):

And part of that was due to our pH monitor not being correct,

Matt Ferkey ([01:16:14](#)):

Correct. We don't currently have an operating first user pH monitor, so it's an employee's responsibility to go up there every day. Somebody has to go up there and check our chlorine and our pH and our water temperature. It's required by,

Sharon Kelly ([01:16:31](#)):

Is there going to

Matt Ferkey ([01:16:32](#)):

Be a monitor on our new system? I don't know. We also have monitor equipment left over from our old previous system, possibly tied into the computer that used to be down there. And I'm working with our DRC with Amy, with Oregon Health Authority drinking water services and with the board to possibly get that monitoring hooked back up later on in this meeting we're going to discuss internet, so

Vanessa West ([01:17:05](#)):

Yeah, so we're hoping to get really neat things and some of 'em seem to be pretty doable and not cost a whole lot of money and be a huge benefit to us. Okay, so West Tech rental skid update

Jordan Walker ([01:17:24](#)):

We skipped, it's got pretty much related. It's going to help us. We're going to call the 40 survey event, the drinking water program violations.

Vanessa West ([01:17:32](#)):

Oh,

Matt Ferkey ([01:17:34](#)):

And it's very related.

Vanessa West ([01:17:36](#)):

Okay. That's why I skipped that one because you said Oregon Water Services, so I just went next.

Matt Ferkey ([01:17:40](#)):

Yeah, so that's regarding RPH. Dropping below, and of course this is for the public too. Our equipment that measured our pH said that our pH was low and instead of verifying the equipment, that information was what we had. That's what we provided to the state. So we The state approved it, didn't they? Well, so

Vanessa West ([01:18:07](#)):

No, they flag

Matt Ferkey ([01:18:08](#)):

It, the state does not approve or what happens is, is we report that information, the state and they say, Hey, you have a violation because you went below that. That was before I was hired on as an employee. We have multiple pH testing equipment now, which is pH and temperature. We also have more chlorine testing equipment on its way and we are looking into, again, the chlorine testing equipment from the previous skid, the previous treatment plant to be able to continuously monitor. It's just a matter of giving all the ducks in a row and making it happen. Are you talking about the previous skid for the plant before the one we're using now? Yes. The previous Skid had active pH monitoring, water temperature monitoring and chlorine residual monitoring. That equipment still exists, it's just a matter of figuring out the most reliable and cost effective way of making use of that equipment, which includes purchasing some items because like the chlorine residual monitor, it requires consumable replacement parts every six months to a year. Well that skit was taken out of service over three years ago, so that at a minimum would require to be purchased and before we make those purchases, we need to find out if that equipment would be, if it would gain us anything, if it would gain us compliance. So we don't want to dump money on it if it's just for looks and we need to make sure that we can use it, whether that be with internet adding more devices, the same device that we put up on our tank is A

Matt Ferkey ([01:19:59](#)):

PLC programmable Logic controller, but it's also, it's remote. So the device is \$800 and then the service is a hundred dollars a year. So there's potential, we could spend \$800 on the device, plug the pH meter, the chlorine meter and the water temp sensor into a cellular device that we have to pay \$800 for and pay a hundred dollars a year for services. And that device would send us by cell phone the information, the company that does it also records the information every half an hour we can program it to send us alerts if we go high or low. It's a work in progress and I've been an employee for still, I've been an employee for a month and three days. So we're just working on things. Is any of this going to be valuable to us when we get the new plant here? And that is another consideration is going through all of the paperwork of the new plant, making telephone calls and saying, Hey, do we need this? Will this benefit us when we put the new skid in? So that's another level of which direction to go.

Vanessa West ([01:21:11](#)):

I think it will because the skid is going to be the skid, but really it's the first user is what we need to know because by the time the skid makes the water, it goes through and it sits for two hours. So the chlorine, it doesn't go straight chlorinated water that just gets it chlorine. So it sits there for a while and then it goes to the first user. So I do believe that this won't be obsolete because this will give us the first user, which is the important thing. The skid will obviously give us the numbers here, but really what we need is the first user, which our treatment plant at the kitchen sink, we are the first user so we can do it from there. So I do believe it won't be obsolete with the new skid. Correct. Odds are,

Matt Ferkey ([01:21:49](#)):

Yeah, that's just a matter of what direction to proceed because if the new skid does have that, then you can't find out right now if it

Sharon Kelly ([01:21:58](#)):

Does or doesn't and we

Matt Ferkey ([01:21:59](#)):

Don't, I can call 'em. I could probably call 'em and if I get ahold of the engineer, yes. I can't call them right now

Vanessa West ([01:22:07](#)):

And our lead engineer was on vacation for a week. He just got back today, well a week and a day. He takes Fridays off also. So he took off that Friday and then the whole week it just came back today. And

Matt Ferkey ([01:22:19](#)):

Also one of the things that was discussed when I was hired on was that I had a lot of things that were going on in April and they're actually still going on now, but I have a lot of personal things that happen in spring. But you guys were without an operator at all until they hired me. We know,

Vanessa West ([01:22:42](#)):

But no, things take time and he's investigating, he's making his phone calls, but yeah, it wouldn't take but a 10 minute phone call, which he will be having. But those 10 minute phone calls cost money with our engineers at like \$300 an hour.

Matt Ferkey ([01:22:55](#)):

You said filter tech not

Vanessa West ([01:22:57](#)):

Right. Filter tech's free. Okay. So if you could just call filter tech instead of the engineer

Matt Ferkey ([01:23:02](#)):

Tech first, hopefully they can tell us

Vanessa West ([01:23:04](#)):

That. Yeah, that would be my best bet is start there because they're free. Okay, so that was violations. Oh, we are also getting more violations because we got it for the month before and this last month and it was all because the pH meter that Matt didn't realize until he caught it when he got hired on this month that Hey, what's going on here? How did it go low? Really? We kind of, Matt

Matt Ferkey ([01:23:26](#)):

Realized that as soon as it was his responsibility.

Vanessa West ([01:23:29](#)):

Correct. As soon as he got hired, he noticed it but then also found out the reasoning was because the pH meter wasn't working, but then he found what this is and Matt, so really we have to give out another one. Me, I'm hoping Jordan, that we can come up with some sort of, I just saw RE'S reports because their truity was 20 times what it was supposed to be and they had to send out a notice just like we did. Only theirs was actually that high, but it was not scary like ours, you may have lead in your water. We don't even have lead pipes. I mean I

Matt Ferkey ([01:24:04](#)):

Think that we're required to post that meeting,

Vanessa West ([01:24:06](#)):

But I don't know that maybe we can make our own. They seem to have their own heading and didn't have to have that exact wording. Sure. We probably have to have that wording somewhere down below in the fine print, but maybe a little bit more of an explanation and I mean we have the document that says, and I've got tons of emails where she says we just need to find a way to start off the letter finessing it a little bit and letting people know

Matt Ferkey ([01:24:32](#)):

It's not a big

Vanessa West ([01:24:32](#)):

Deal. And so that when it is a big deal, people will actually realize it's a big deal. We want people to know what it's that they deal matter what we say. There's just some in the community that will just see confus any issue as us failing

Matt Ferkey ([01:24:45](#)):

Again, there's nothing we can do about it. The way it's formatted, there is detail on it. You just have to read through it. Like it'll say if this was an emergency, it would've been notified immediately. But I'll

check with Amy and see if we can format it to where it's less. The worst, worst part about the notice is by the time that notice goes out, not water is long gone.

Vanessa West ([01:25:10](#)):

I know it was from beginning of last month, the two or three days, the pH was supposedly low when our pH runs high. So it's complete inaccurate numbers, but it was a previous employee and we can't, what can we do? But yeah, so just something so it's less scary so that when people do get something they need to be scared. They know the difference. Exactly.

Matt Ferkey ([01:25:36](#)):

If it was something like that, we'd be knocking on doors and posting it all over the place. Not sending, didn't have a mailer.

Vanessa West ([01:25:41](#)):

Yeah, waiting a month to send it out in the mailer. We have 30 days from the incident before we have to mail it out. So we will be getting one more notice for that and hopefully Matt's been here and doesn't anticipate anymore.

Matt Ferkey ([01:25:55](#)):

We're running eight to 8.6 pH. I don't see it dropping and if it drops, if it gets down below probably 7.4, I'm going to look and see what we can do. We do have the equipment to put soda ash a chemical into our water to make us compliant. It is more like baking soda. It's not a bad chemical, but it's just hilarious that if we drop to neutral or slightly below neutral that we have to add chemicals to our water to make it safer to drink.

Vanessa West ([01:26:28](#)):

And we've not used that in two and a half, three years that I know of. I don't believe that it's been used in way longer than that because our pH and our water, because I've been around for about two years, our pH has been great for this whole entire time. We've never had an issue. If anything, it was a little on the high end, which there is no high end. They allow the high to go as high as you want to the sky, it just can't go below.

Matt Ferkey ([01:26:50](#)):

I can dump ly, I can dump ly in the water supply and it's legal, but if I dump a little bit of vitamin C in there, it's against the lung.

Vanessa West ([01:27:01](#)):

So we had a problem where we didn't like it so high, but the health department doesn't care how high it gets. So that doesn't make sense.

Matt Ferkey ([01:27:10](#)):

Right now our water is the pH of what you would find in a store bought alkaline water, which is the newest phrase. So I'll check with him to see how much leeway we have in terms of the publication.

Vanessa West ([01:27:23](#)):

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She did say to put in a description there saying that it was just a malfunctioning from our pH that we've got it alleviated do that. Yeah, but if you could put less of the other and more of the,

Sharon Kelly ([01:27:36](#)):

Did you do it as a personal line or did the water company put that water department put

Vanessa West ([01:27:47](#)):

That out? The water department was forced to put it out by Oregon Health Authority because that is, it was mandatory.

Matt Ferkey ([01:27:54](#)):

I would love for her to say that mid to water district does not have any lead in its

Vanessa West ([01:28:01](#)):

Lines. Well, and then also one thing,

Jordan Walker ([01:28:05](#)):

The theory, if people have lead service lines,

Vanessa West ([01:28:08](#)):

Which if they have lead service lines and some people do have lead service lines, their own lines, not ours,

Matt Ferkey ([01:28:14](#)):

But I mean it makes it known that it's not like it's contacting miles of lead line. And also, again, I would love to see our pH numbers posted if we had one day at seven and one day at 6.9 and technically a seven shouldn't do anything. Seven is neutral but

Vanessa West ([01:28:35](#)):

But then also I did talk to her about a year ago. I was getting so frustrated with all these different boil water advisories from all these different leaks and then we had to fix this one and shut these people off. This is and and the Oregon Health Authority, Amy, her recommendation was Vanessa, it would be a lot easier than, you wouldn't have to go take all these samples to get off all these boil water advisories. If you just did a permanent boil water advisory, which you could do for up to two years that if there was a problem, we wouldn't have to tell you because we're already under boil water advisory.

Matt Ferkey ([01:29:05](#)):

But we stopped to notify 'em with below pH.

Vanessa West ([01:29:08](#)):

But that's what she said. Well we would still, because that's

Matt Ferkey ([01:29:10](#)):

Actually don't boil. That's actually, yeah, don't boil your water

Vanessa West ([01:29:14](#)):

Advisory. But that's what she said. So we don't have to do all these confusing boil advisories and boy water notices, which we've never had a bad water quality sample from the labs, but that was her recommendation and I don't like it. I'd like to be able to let people know if we do find something.

Matt Ferkey (01:29:34):

So exhibit item concentrated again. So the letter is there's no, there's no, to make

Vanessa West (01:29:47):

That kind of change. Okay. Did you print off what I gave you or no,

Matt Ferkey (01:29:52):

The West Bank?

Vanessa West (01:29:53):

Oh, I think I actually, I don't think I did send you the second one. I just figured. So West Tech, the great people that we rent our rental skid from for 10 grand a month that we've been renting for 40 months now. We paid 'em \$400,000. I was reviewing the contract a couple months ago and I looked in there and it's written like a high school reading level contract, which was very helpful, very simple, very straightforward. And when I read it, I could tell there's a try to buy option that says that a hundred percent of what we that at any time during this contract and up to six months after termination we can, this is a try to buy option. It didn't say how much the treatment plant was, so we had to work it out later, but which also meant you left out, that also meant all of our rental payments were going directly

Matt Ferkey (01:30:46):

To a hundred percent

Vanessa West (01:30:47):

Purchase of the equipment. A hundred percent. So I called West Tech boy, they were like, oh no, no, we're not even in contract. We've been out of contract for years. I'm like, no, there's no deadline on this contract and as long as we continue to pay you every month and you guys keep on emailing us about every six months asking us how much longer we're going to rent it for, but yet, no. So I asked the board if I can contact a lawyer. Lawyer agrees after I talked to West Tech twice. First the main guy and then the upper level and I actually also had Rob Woodyard and Jordan on the second call with West Tech and they said they weren't going to honor the contract with them. The contracts been done for a year. They just let us continue out of the kindness of their heart, let us just keep on giving 'em 10 grand and they just keep letting us keep the skit.

Vanessa West (01:31:41):

And then they said, okay, well if you do want to buy it though, then the original price is 620,000. Well, I do have the bid for new skids only 400 and something thousand and that comes with all filters and everything. We're only running half of the treatment plan. We had to pay \$150,000 for the filters and the other components ourselves. So this isn't even a full skid that we're running for 10 grand. They want to charge us more. They bid 300 and something for this news for this. So that is only worth 300 and something minus the a hundred hundred 50 we put into it. So it's definitely we paid for it. So I'm asking the board, I do have a letter here and it's called a demand letter. A demand letter, but they told me that it would be better. These people are wanting to play ball.

Vanessa West ([01:32:32](#)):

They weren't just backing down. They said, we want this, what do you want it for? We really want this and we're not letting it go is what they told me. So the lawyer said we can send a demand letter, but he recommends that in thinking it over, they believe it could be a strategic advantage to simply filing for arbitration before sending the demand a letter. By doing so, there's a better chance any arbitration would happen locally rather than in Utah or whatever their headquarters are located. That also means it's more likely Oregon law will apply, which might allow you to recoup attorney fees in any dispute. The main downside is the cost to file is \$3,500 and an additional 2,750 comes due if you don't resolve it quickly. Plus you never know how someone reacts to being sued. So they still recommend that we file for arbitration before they do because it sounds like they already told me they're not giving up easy.

Vanessa West ([01:33:36](#)):

It would make more sense to have it here. They think we were just, yeah, they did offer us two free rents months of rental service. We sent 'em a check real quickly. So I'm asking the board, what do you think? I called and asked, I emailed Spencer from special districts, their legal team. I asked him his recommendation. He says, I gave him all the information and he said, go with your lawyer. What are you paying him for? Your lawyer knows best, so go with the recommendations of your lawyer, which means if I wrote you, I would do the arbitration just to make sure it's here locally in Oregon and that's double less likely that they will file for arbitration and they'll take us more seriously. I agree. I think we should follow the lawyer's recommendation, need an authorization. I would like you guys to allow me to proceed to file for arbitration and sign the documents and mail off this demand letter.

Vanessa West ([01:34:33](#)):

As long as it doesn't cost us any money. Everything cost us money. That's what she just said. It will cost us \$3,000 in filing fees and another 2000 some odd dollars. It takes longer letter. So what she was saying to file for arbitration, so if we sue them before they sue us, we can keep it here in Oregon and Oregon's jurisdiction and their laws and yes, it costs money. So I'm asking for, it'll be about 300, 3,500 to file it. I've already paid for and got board permission last month for this to have the demand letter written. And then the 3,500 does not include the lawyer fees. This is just the filing cost. So I'm asking to file to not only send off this demand letter but to also start the process and for the arbitration. So then I make a motion that we approve for Vanessa to be able to be authorized to have this demand letter sent and to proceed with the attorney so that we can proceed into arbitration and whatever other requirements that will, how much is this

Matt Ferkey ([01:35:52](#)):

Cost, this

Vanessa West ([01:35:54](#)):

3,500 just to file for arbitration? I don't have a clue how many hours the lawyer's going to need to put on for the paperwork technic. And then he said if we file for arbitration and kept it in Oregon, we then could have them, we could recoup our attorney's fees from them.

Matt Ferkey ([01:36:09](#)):

So technically if they file for arbitration and send the demand letter, west Tech could say, no thank you. We know you own it and they could walk away just like that. So it could potentially cost very little less than the \$3,500 because if they know that their contract says that it's ours, they might take that arbitration seriously and say, okay, it's yours or they can fight it. But if they fight it, it has to happen their They're just saying to keep milking us, aren't they?

Vanessa West ([01:36:36](#)):

Until we get this resolved. Yeah, I don't want to pay the 10 grand for this month and I'm going to ask the lawyer if we have pay every month, we keep it. If we don't resolve this, we're paying 10 grand a month in rental fees. But in addition to that, if we don't keep it, they're going to charge us for sending it back to them. We have to pay

Matt Ferkey ([01:36:53](#)):

Shipping to send it back

Vanessa West ([01:36:55](#)):

And any damage we have to pay them for any damaged equipment too. Yep. They

Sharon Kelly ([01:37:00](#)):

Probably say we ruined it.

Vanessa West ([01:37:02](#)):

Yep. They're not nice

Matt Ferkey ([01:37:04](#)):

And it is still compliant. The equipment is still up to Oregon's standards today and we are always looking into second things. If something happens to the filter tech ski, this ski is still compliant. I second the motion Julie's motion. Alright, so that's the second. Now there's the

Vanessa West ([01:37:23](#)):

Opposed All in favor. Okay then I will let 'em know tomorrow.

Matt Ferkey ([01:37:31](#)):

Do

Vanessa West ([01:37:31](#)):

Thank you. Have you mailed them the check yet for this month?

Jordan Walker ([01:37:36](#)):

We usually receive an invoice. I'll probably receive.

Vanessa West ([01:37:40](#)):

Okay, so let me know before you send the check because I'm going to verify with the lawyer. I'm hoping the lawyer says send a check after you send a demand letter because we're telling them we're done. So I'm hoping we may not have to pay the \$10,000 this month, which would be what the cost of all this probably will be. So if

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:37:57](#)):

We end up with that skid, we weren't in the process of having another

Vanessa West ([01:38:01](#)):

One made. We already have another one made. We already have another one made. This could be a backup. It's in storage.

Matt Ferkey ([01:38:05](#)):

Trust me, I've said that a million times. Okay. Sorry. Oh yeah, yeah.

Vanessa West ([01:38:09](#)):

Oh, I'd like to keep this one, but we can't already have the other one made at this point. Keeping that other one that we've got just as a backup,

Matt Ferkey ([01:38:17](#)):

Backup,

Vanessa West ([01:38:18](#)):

Paying the money to take them to court to sue to

Matt Ferkey ([01:38:21](#)):

Keep

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:38:21](#)):

It is going to cost us less than packing it up and shipping it back to them

Matt Ferkey ([01:38:26](#)):

And definitely less in the next six months of

Vanessa West ([01:38:27](#)):

Rental. And we've got about six months left of five to six months of rental then backup. So 50, 60,000. So it's worth it just to not have to pay the rental until the new skids up.

Sharon Kelly ([01:38:37](#)):

Yeah, that'd be good thing. Yeah. What about the demand letter prepared by Alexandra Kelsner?

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:38:43](#)):

That's what we approved. That's our lawyer.

Sharon Kelly ([01:38:46](#)):

Oh, okay. Well I didn't know that.

Vanessa West ([01:38:48](#)):

Yeah, that's our lawyer for this. We had a different lawyer for the wage dispute in the same company, but this is one that specializes in this type. I've actually worked with this person. He's done some good real estate work

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:38:59](#)):

For me. Alexandra,

Vanessa West ([01:39:05](#)):

She works with Pablo, which is who I usually work with. So they're partners. So yes, so this was his assistant that wrote this up. I haven't met her, but the one I deal with is Pablo.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:39:18](#)):

Okay.

Vanessa West ([01:39:20](#)):

So yes, that's exciting. I think it's very exciting news with the West Tech, the master plan,

Vanessa West ([01:39:30](#)):

It costs \$86,000. Oh boy, we really need this master plan. I don't know how helpful it's going to be for anything besides, it's going to be very helpful for grants. In fact, we cannot write any big grants without this master plan. That's why there was less grants written last year was because we not only in order to submit for these big government fund, these big government grants, you have to have a master plan. You got to have engineering studies for each little thing. You have to have environmental studies, you have to have feasibility studies and really without a master plan, they had nowhere to start to do any of these. So this master plan is pretty cool. They're asking for us to give them more information. They're not really doing much on the ground. They're really asking for us to give information, which we don't have a whole lot of. So I was kind of hoping for a little more of their boots on the ground, especially since they're pretty local Newport area, but they anticipate in the next couple months they'll have it far enough along that we could at least start guiding them on directions to be able to start writing some grant applications with them and before it's got a hundred percent finalized, they can start helping us and getting some grants. What page

Matt Ferkey ([01:40:41](#)):

Are you on? Now they're going to tell us that we need replace our 70-year-old distribution system.

Vanessa West ([01:40:47](#)):

Correct. But see it's one thing. It's one thing for me to go and tell the state reps and to go and tell everybody in the world that our lines are 75 years old, they're old, they're deteriorating and they're not going to get any sturdier than it is for an \$86,000 report that says that they want it this, they demand it. So for us to get grant money, they won't just take my word on it. They were put in this year, here's the documentation that says the year. They won't just take my word and they also want to know for me to say it's 15, \$20 million means nothing they want, the engineer will also, the master plan will have a good value. So we can just use those values and go straight for the grants. And we are working with a lot of different government agencies, art and I and some are split up here and there, but I mean we're meeting so many government agencies on Zoom meetings. There's like 20 of us every month and a lot of us are emailing and stuff and following up throughout the whole entire month. So it's pretty cool.

Jordan Walker ([01:41:56](#)):

Did you mention that we're expecting a report or an abbreviated report within a month is what Kevin said on

Vanessa West ([01:42:03](#)):

Friday, a month or two he said depends on how quickly get him the information.

Jordan Walker ([01:42:09](#)):

Yeah, he said three weeks. He said a month.

Vanessa West ([01:42:12](#)):

Okay. Is

Sharon Kelly ([01:42:13](#)):

This on the master plan? Yeah, but it's on the full master plan. It's just to get us started on potentially for the beginning of grant applications.

Vanessa West ([01:42:21](#)):

Correct.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:42:24](#)):

So this is on the agenda just to give us information. You're not needing any

Vanessa West ([01:42:28](#)):

Action at this point? No action. Just giving everybody an update so they can know where we're at. Next is WTP Internet access.

Sharon Kelly ([01:42:42](#)):

Who's WTP Water Treatment Plant?

Vanessa West ([01:42:45](#)):

I didn't know either. tp

Jordan Walker ([01:42:54](#)):

Well, when did we cease having internet access? So during the railroad operations, some of the equipment came through and cut the line, our line. So our CenturyLink line was never approved. I don't know what the internet was before that CenturyLink line, but the CenturyLink line going across to the water treatment plant was never authorized by higher ups, a CenturyLink or by the railroad. So technically that line was trespassing across the train tracks. So when their equipment came through and cut it, it was our fault not theirs. Technically, if it damaged their equipment, we probably could have been held liable for that or CenturyLink.

Vanessa West ([01:43:37](#)):

So they say we don't know for certain because we've been having our phone and our internet, our phone up there for many, many, many years. So it should be grandfather in.

Matt Ferkey ([01:43:44](#)):

So they cut the line. We were still in the transition of me being a newer employee and of dealing with repercussions from the theft. I twisted the lines back together. Well the problem is, is the equipment that they have been running through is more serious equipment. The first equipment had something to do with the railroad ties. The new equipment that they're running through right now is like a giant motor tiller blade that runs this far from the tracks and I feel like if it grabbed the lines, pulled it up on there, wrapped

around it, that they're going to charge somebody for the repair of that equipment and it's going to take the foam line,

Vanessa West ([01:44:17](#)):

Our

Matt Ferkey ([01:44:18](#)):

Building, rip it out of our building and rip it out of Century Links box. Which then again, could somebody blame us for that? I have no idea. But we do not have internet up there and currently nobody wants to provide internet up there without, so the local technician last Wednesday basically said that he can't provide service there through the railroad tracks as it is. And he referred us to an engineer. I left a message on Friday. I heard back it sounds like

Vanessa West ([01:44:50](#)):

I contacted the railroad station and they said we have no problem with it being there. If I were to tell CenturyLink to take something out, then if we did the railroad it would've been me. And she goes, I haven't heard anything about it. So we did not tell CenturyLink that. So CenturyLink took it upon themselves to do this is what it sounded like. But she's going to follow up. I also had a lady that we have meetings with that I speak to several times a month. She's from Tina Coex, the congress lady from her office. She also called the railroad and she's checking in with CenturyLink because yeah, we do need service. So we're hopefully we will get this worked out because it should be grandfathered in because it's been there for many, many years.

Jordan Walker ([01:45:36](#)):

It sounds like there's more internal back and forth between CenturyLink and the railroad. The railroad we're just kind of t, so that's what

Vanessa West ([01:45:45](#)):

It, yeah, so we're waiting for them to work it out, but luckily we have government officials and it's not just from her office. There was three other that I have been emailing that's kind of along with this. So I've got from three or four different government agencies that are on this also so that we could try to Lane County Public Works. I can't even think of all these government stuff. So I'm feeling really hopeful. Jordan also checked with starlink and it sounds like out of a one to 10 and 10 being the worst, no service, we're like a 10 mike, so that's not really an option. Right

Sharon Kelly ([01:46:22](#)):

Star there with all the trees. Yeah,

Vanessa West ([01:46:26](#)):

Exactly. And then we don't have cell service. So like Matt's saying about getting that new app so we can see those things. It takes a cell tower. Well if we had internet we could connect to the internet, but we don't have cell service.

Matt Ferkey ([01:46:39](#)):

That's something that we discussed later. But we have intermittent cell service and that device has a remote antenna. So again, we could possibly put a better antenna on that device.

Vanessa West (01:46:52):

So there's a lot to, we couldn't just go and do it today. There would be work and money. It'd

Matt Ferkey (01:46:57):

Be easier at CenturyLink if we had a Century link, it would be so much easier. I actually have a cellular antenna. I have a wire to hook up a cellular antenna. I've been tempted to go grab the tank, monitor off the tank. It's fairly easy. Unlock the padlock, take it down, see if it works at the site with a good antenna. That's all I can do.

Vanessa West (01:47:19):

And in the meantime I'm going to wait and see how the congress people and the railroad and CenturyLink, how they can kind of get it worked out.

Matt Ferkey (01:47:27):

I got an extra modem right now. Our problem is we've had wired up there. We've had some sort of wired telecommunications for decades up there. It makes sense if it was buried this one and that was the problem was it wasn't buried. It was sitting on top of the, it was literally sitting touching the bottom of the rails and so when their equipment came by and cut it, that was that

Vanessa West (01:47:56):

We were really in their way. The lines are literally level with the tray. Yeah, it wasn't done. It's really ghetto. I dunno if that's a proper word. Yeah, it was not done. It should have been two feet under at least or three feet and then it should go. But no, it's really not good. I thought not taking a picture, but it was too embarrassing. We

Sharon Kelly (01:48:21):

Drilled a line underneath the rail line.

Vanessa West (01:48:25):

We can't do that. We need to pay millions of dollars to an engineer. The

Matt Ferkey (01:48:29):

Problem with that is if you drill a

Vanessa West (01:48:30):

Line,

Matt Ferkey (01:48:32):

If you drill a line under there and they say it caused damage to the railroad and they decide to come sue you for everything that happens, I understand that, but how would they know?

Vanessa West (01:48:48):

So the Lane County natural hazard mitigation plan that is we should be done in the next month or two. We've been meeting with them, a couple of different government agencies, people from the college, I don't know what we call which one it is. I don't know if it's the duck or the OSU,

Jordan Walker ([01:49:05](#)):

University of Oregon.

Vanessa West ([01:49:05](#)):

So that's the Beaver state. The Beaver one? No, that's the duck. The duck ones. I get

Matt Ferkey ([01:49:10](#)):

Thought it was how

Vanessa West ([01:49:14](#)):

We cannot, they're both Oregon anymore.

Sharon Kelly ([01:49:17](#)):

Beaver?

Vanessa West ([01:49:18](#)):

Well, I don't know. So I didn't know which one was coming. So the duck one, the Ducks University and a couple different government agencies and that's to get us annexed into Lane County's natural hazard mitigation plan. If we did not get annexed into their plan, which we got a grant to do it, I called him up and he was able to get the grant money from extra funding they had and since I went to one of the meetings, they approved it. So we got it. If we didn't, we'd have to do our own 200 page one by getting annexed. We're only adding an addendum to Lane County, so it's only going to be like 10 pages. So it's a lot easier quicker to get the 10 pages and then since this grant from someone else is paying for it, heck it's free and we didn't have to do anything besides having a few meetings with them and Sendal information.

Vanessa West ([01:50:05](#)):

They anticipate it should be done in a month or two and then it will have to go different people approve it and vote and this and that and I don't know. I think they got to come here and they will do something in front of the community to let the community to view it and then it will be approved. But what's so exciting about being annexed in the Lane County Emergency Management plan is that we can apply for FEMA funding. We could not apply for FEMA funding after last year was the last year you could without having this. So we will be able to apply for FEMA funding this year by having a natural hazard mitigation plan. And luckily our plan only has to be 18 or 20 pages instead of 200 by ourselves. So very exciting.

Jordan Walker ([01:50:50](#)):

We got it sent to them. So Art did some entity, I don't know if you worked on that

Vanessa West ([01:50:55](#)):

Too. Yeah, it's

Jordan Walker ([01:50:58](#)):

Submitted.

Vanessa West ([01:50:59](#)):

Yeah, so it should be finalized in the next couple months. But they'll come here. They're going to come here to present it. We have another meeting next month. I mean next week. I didn't pay attention next week, but they're coming back next week for a final year before it's done.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:51:15](#)):

So presenting it here is that they have to open it up to public comment kind

Vanessa West ([01:51:18](#)):

Of thing. They want the community to come. So and we are working on getting the school and maybe the watershed and I think we've tried to get food share and a couple other, not food share, but the fire department we offer for them because they could get 18 pages in here too to be able to apply for it. So I do believe the schools took us off on it. So I do believe so they can write some grants also. So we've been meeting at the schools and letting us use their office. Each

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:51:47](#)):

Organization has to be

Vanessa West ([01:51:50](#)):

Rolled

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:51:50](#)):

Into this master plan.

Vanessa West ([01:51:53](#)):

Correct. Awesome. But Mapleton also, because we're already in there as an unincorporated area, but yeah, so each one has to be separate, but they can be unless we're working together. But yes, but the same group is going to do any, so I don't know. I think the watershed will be in it too. So next couple months then we'll be able to write Thema grant. So that's really exciting. Fantastic streetlight costs. That'd be Jordan

Jordan Walker ([01:52:22](#)):

0.9. So we had a raised street like these, I think two years and in that times to PDs increased our streetlight cost per month by 5% both of those years. Which is why I think it was Shirley Marie that noted that there was a discrepancy. I imagine they're going to be increasing again by 5%. I don't know for sure when usually they vote on it after June in the past and then it takes back the following month. So we don't, I won't know for sure until the end of June. What the exact, okay,

Vanessa West ([01:53:01](#)):

So this, but we already know we're in the negative.

Sharon Kelly ([01:53:04](#)):

Yes. So this should be a pass through, shouldn't it? It is,

Vanessa West ([01:53:10](#)):

Yes. It's supposed to be a pass through but it's costing us money.

Sharon Kelly ([01:53:13](#)):

Well if it's a pass through, it shouldn't cost us money.

Vanessa West ([01:53:16](#)):

Right, exactly. So we need to raise the rate so it doesn't cost us money.

Jordan Walker ([01:53:20](#)):

So if they increase the rate or increase the monthly fees that they charge us by 5%, we would need to break even to increase our streamline fee from 3 35 to 3 85. There's no way we can get out of that. No. Why can't the PPUD just build people on their bill?

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:53:46](#)):

Because they're not lights. You got to tell them to people's individual houses. Huh? They're not lights for people's individual houses.

Jordan Walker ([01:53:54](#)):

Well people get lights from 'em. It's true, but it's a separate electricity. Yeah. They also have a separate program to where instance the store I just called it about this. They have a separate century light which goes to the parking lot, which they are charge every month for which was in addition to paying the street light fee through us. But if street lights that go over the road, so it's a separate system. I don't know. I'm not sure what the legal certification is

Vanessa West ([01:54:26](#)):

For it, why they do it, but we don't have the capacity, the money to spend to try to investigate. It's a pass through.

Matt Ferkey ([01:54:32](#)):

What is the fee per

Vanessa West ([01:54:33](#)):

Profession right now? 50. We're going to raise it. 30 cents, 50 cents. 50 cents it

Matt Ferkey ([01:54:39](#)):

30. So you guys could probably just start on that and make it go up.

Vanessa West ([01:54:43](#)):

Yes. Well I think we got to wait a full month. We can bring it up and then I think before we can actually do it, we have to approve it next month.

Jordan Walker ([01:54:49](#)):

I think we have to do increase it by resolution, which requires

Vanessa West ([01:54:55](#)):

Certain when it's a rate we have to do a little bit more, but if it was just the monthly service team, we don't have to have that much, make sure that we accompany that with an explanation beforehand. If they want an explanation, they can come to the meeting.

Jordan Walker ([01:55:12](#)):

Well we need more information.

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:55:17](#)):

If they want to know what the 50 cents is before in the meeting, these are fees that the water district is required to pay and we've always done that by dividing it up amongst the customer. Yes,

Jordan Walker ([01:55:28](#)):

It would be good to have included the resolution, actual documentation from the POD or obligation to me because I asked them a couple of times for a public, it technically wasn't a public records request, it was just a request so he didn't have to respond to me. But in theory I could do a public records request

Vanessa West ([01:55:53](#)):

And that would be good. I mean if we can get out of it, I'd like to, but I just don't want to spend a bunch of money in a bunch of time in a bunch of resources and Laura fees. I

Jordan Walker ([01:56:00](#)):

Would be able to get out of it, but

Vanessa West ([01:56:01](#)):

At least improve. A lot of people don't believe that we are paying it. They think we're just pocketing that money. A lot of people like it. It doesn't make sense. Why would the water district be paying for street lights? It does not make sense.

Matt Ferkey ([01:56:15](#)):

It was a safety feature that our district said, Hey, let's make our town our community safer.

Vanessa West ([01:56:19](#)):

But it would be nice to show some sort of documentation because a lot of people, it does sound fishy and there's been a lot of fishy things going into the water district in all these years. Even recently. So I mean I have

Sharon Kelly ([01:56:30](#)):

A power pole right at the end of my driveway.

Vanessa West ([01:56:32](#)):

Well then you should be paying double.

Sharon Kelly ([01:56:35](#)):

No, I said where's my street

Vanessa West ([01:56:38](#)):

Lights? I got one right on my corner of my house too.

Sharon Kelly ([01:56:41](#)):

Ignore me. You got one shining in the living. Yeah, I'm a long ways away from that, so I just wanted to bring that up.

Vanessa West ([01:56:49](#)):

So I think that some

Jordan Walker ([01:56:52](#)):

More research probably get more information. Like I said, we won't have a final cut out until the end of June. It would be one thing if they didn't bill anybody for anything, but they bill everybody for everything and they need to put that on their bill too. We can't fix that. We can.

Vanessa West ([01:57:17](#)):

Okay, so we're only going to bring it up now and then wait to see or and then

Jordan Walker ([01:57:22](#)):

It's basically to raise the issue that truly

Vanessa West ([01:57:26](#)):

Why we're going in the red for, well

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:57:29](#)):

Since we've been behind it seems to me we could just go ahead and raise it anticipating they're going to have the 5% increase. If they don't, we would make up some of what we've already gone in the hole for. That's, so I would say go to the 3 85 now as soon as we can to start limiting our extra expenditure. We've been spending more than we've been receiving.

Vanessa West ([01:57:57](#)):

If the

Jordan Walker ([01:57:58](#)):

Board wants to do that, we can do that. It does make sense given that we're already,

Vanessa West ([01:58:02](#)):

It does make sense. My only thing is if we don't get money in this grant money, instead of having to get the loan, we're going to have to raise the rates and add a huge amount. So I don't want to raise them 50 cents in July and then raise them \$25 in August.

Jordan Walker ([01:58:27](#)):

It is. I can see where you're coming from, but it is a separate fee so it's

Vanessa West ([01:58:31](#)):

Itemized, but people will just see an increase as an increase and so that's my only problem is I just don't want, they're going to say you've increased it five times in the last, do you really think people

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:58:44](#)):

Pay enough

Vanessa West ([01:58:44](#)):

Attention to this bill? Oh, 50 cents they're going to be completed, but the same amount as if we increase it \$25 and 50 cents.

Jordan Walker ([01:58:52](#)):

So that would be, I thought about that two rate, but that would be up to the board if they want to wait until the July meeting or do you want me to prepare something for original?

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:59:05](#)):

Well, but there's a possibility of us possibly getting out from under this.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([01:59:10](#)):

Oh no, there's not a

Vanessa West ([01:59:12](#)):

Possibility of, no, we're not getting out of electricity bill. No matter what the

Jordan Walker ([01:59:16](#)):

Lights, we don't know for sure if they're going to pass a rating.

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:59:20](#)):

Okay. Well I thought you said you were going to investigate. Ask them for where this agreement came from and

Jordan Walker ([01:59:29](#)):

Justification.

Julie Doran-Lee ([01:59:30](#)):

Okay, so we can send a letter. If there's no getting out of this agreement with them, then I think that we should just go ahead and raise it now anticipating that because don't you and then raise it again in two months. I don't know. Raise the other line item in two months. Are you going to have an answer on that grant in two months? I should have a better answer by July or August. What I do that, but our payment's going to be five or six grand a month. So you only

Matt Ferkey ([01:59:59](#)):

It's about a thousand dollars. Okay, so it's a thousand dollars and we're looking at four months. So a quarter, if we delay it for four months, you're looking at a quarter of that. So \$250. So it's going to cost you guys \$250 to wait four months to increase it. Is that rough? Yeah, it's going to cost the department \$250 to wait four months to do it and not upset all of their customers by raising the price twice

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:00:28](#)):

50 cents because we're going to have half the community that's going to come lynch us when we raise it \$25.

Matt Ferkey ([02:00:33](#)):

Yeah,

Vanessa West ([02:00:34](#)):

They're going to let us for the 50 cents just as much as they are, whatever it has to be. 15 or \$20.

Matt Ferkey ([02:00:40](#)):

Did you guys just raise the rates? Yeah,

Vanessa West ([02:00:42](#)):

We did. Just six months ago. Yeah, we did. And then now we want to raise it 50 cents and then now we want to raise, we might have to raise it 15 or I don't know what that dollar amount would be, but significant.

Jordan Walker ([02:00:53](#)):

Ideally given just the way the projects will get going on, the rate increases are going to be messed up anyways. Normally, obviously governance do an annual rate adjustment because we have so many uncertainty. Just

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:01:11](#)):

I know we've known for months for over a year that we are going to have to have a significant rate increase. That's why we raised it before get off to get answers on this to get answers on what it's going to cost to get the skid in to get the rate study done from RCAC. We've had all these things that we keep putting it off for so that we know so that we only have to raise it once. That's why we raised it like \$16. We know it's coming. I don't want to do it. Six, seven months ago

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:01:43](#)):

I thought to do a rate increase, we had to have this big study and there had to be a lot stuff

Vanessa West ([02:01:48](#)):

Not to increase the monthly. So

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:01:50](#)):

You're talking about increasing the monthly service fee? Not I

Vanessa West ([02:01:54](#)):

Like increasing the service fee because then we know exactly how much we're going to bring in because it's times by that we can't guess how much water everyone's going to use. So B, to be able to say yes, we can't afford an additional \$5,000 a month loans split between 250

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:02:09](#)):

Bills. I just wanted clarification because you were saying rates and what I think amount per gallon, not service fee.

Vanessa West ([02:02:16](#)):

I like the service fee idea because I want to make sure and know how much we're going to get each month. So I'd like to raise that instead of the rates. We did a very minor

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:02:27](#)):

That's easier to do than raising the

Vanessa West ([02:02:28](#)):

Rates. Correct. And we did do a kind of, Jordan worked with a financial advisor at the bank for us to get pre-approved for this additional 800,000 loan. And he came with some pretty significant what he would like us to do to be able to make those additional payments.

Jordan Walker ([02:02:45](#)):

So in order to apply for the loan successfully, we had to do projections out five years and with certain assumptions in terms of increased costs for materials and personnel. And then they state also wanted to make sure that we had basically our contingency fund was a ratio of 1.21 for our annual loan payment. And assuming those figures were I projected a 15% increase this year or this upcoming year, 15% the following year and two 10% increases in our service fees. Correct. Okay.

Vanessa West ([02:03:34](#)):

Yeah. And I mean if we're going to do any rates, let's do it all at once. All at once is all I want to do. I want to do it all at once. Okay, we're going to have to raise rates. So I mean I would even vote for the 10 or 15% now. I mean we are going to have to raise rates. I just don't want to do a 50 cent rate increase. And then

Matt Ferkey ([02:03:54](#)):

I say even if you wait six months, it's costing you guys \$500 to wait,

Vanessa West ([02:03:58](#)):

But I don't think we're going to need to wait six months. I think we'll have a better idea how much we need to raise it because 60% of our population is either in poverty or barely above. I want to keep our rates as low as possible. So if we can get that 800,000 forgiven, we may only need to raise our rates \$2 each and 50 cents for this. I mean, and that's what would be ideal. I want to keep it as low as possible, but it's got to be realistic.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:04:25](#)):

You're waiting to get that 800,000 is going to become a grant rather than a loan. Okay, that makes sense. Okay, thank you.

Vanessa West ([02:04:35](#)):

In the meantime, it's cost us a bit of money, but I don't feel bad it costing us money that we could be getting that we aren't because really, I mean our community is, we're a rural distressed community and I want to keep our rates as low as we can and I've never seen a utility company raise the rates and never go

backwards. And if we ever did do that, I don't think any of the grant places would like us to raise them and then go backwards.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:05:10](#)):

They're going to say, why do you need money?

Vanessa West ([02:05:13](#)):

So I do want to have a little more information, but I do not want to have the whole entire town irate because of a 50 cent raise.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:05:23](#)):

Okay. Now that I understand that you're weighing to find out about the 800,000 becoming a grant rather than a loan, then it makes sense to me to wait on the 50 cents and then if we have to raise it, oh gosh, yes. Do both raises at once and explain

Vanessa West ([02:05:42](#)):

What's happening. That sounds good. Yep. Okay, good. So moving on, move it on. So is there anything for treasurer, do you have a report today?

Jordan Walker ([02:05:52](#)):

It's the financial statement.

Vanessa West ([02:05:54](#)):

Where's that at? Oh, treasurer. That's what the treasurer's report is. Okay. Only question I really have is, oh, I do want to mention

Vanessa West ([02:06:28](#)):

Our fee for our amazing accountant, buck Weld for years gave us the local deal and I don't think he raised the rate in the last 30 years. Did he retire? He retired. Retired. And so it wasn't just here, it was also for the fire department. I was on the budget committee there and stuff. She's charging us a fair market value for her services. She's not giving us the 1980s deal that Mike gave us that he hasn't increased it in the last 40 years. So that has gone up and she doesn't just do this and do the sit here for the budget. I mean she does so much work. Is

Sharon Kelly ([02:07:09](#)):

She taking Mike's place

Vanessa West ([02:07:12](#)):

Then? Mike sold her the business. So it's hers.

Matt Ferkey ([02:07:15](#)):

Alright.

Vanessa West ([02:07:15](#)):

And she's been working with him for the last several years from my understanding. So it's hers. So it's an increase. And she's increasing the ones here in Mapleton because they're nowhere near where they are supposed to be compared to the ones all the other businesses they do and nonprofits and such.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:07:32](#)):

So do you have a flat monthly fee that we're going to? It's going from 400 to 704.7. So if you look, they do itemize their invoices and I have noticed that we're getting a lot more than \$400 worth of services. Right. Regular prices. So it's

Vanessa West ([02:07:51](#)):

Four. And that's what I said when Mike told me they put together, they advertise our budget, they do this, they do that, they do. I cannot believe we at least contact 'em like 10 times a week. And they do all of our payroll and I mean they do all this and then they put together our budget, all this other paperwork for our audit and stuff. I mean I'm like, how can you do all this for \$400? We're basically going from 1980s rates and suddenly bumping up until, and we're not alone. The fire department, the same thing. Theirs went up because she's just charging just the real going fair, reasonable.

Jordan Walker ([02:08:29](#)):

That should start, what's her name? Brittany, or it's right here.

Vanessa West ([02:08:37](#)):

And I think we're paying the same as the fire department and they're so much easier. They only have four lines, like four expenses. So she's still giving us a really good deal for the amount of hours she could be charging us \$150 an hour. So yeah. So that's one thing I just, and isn't that who was just here tonight? Yep. She was here tonight. So yeah. So she's just charging a reasonable price and it's

Matt Ferkey ([02:09:06](#)):

Still a

Vanessa West ([02:09:07](#)):

Bargain price and it's still Oh yeah. Correct.

Sharon Kelly ([02:09:11](#)):

Well it's more realistic

Vanessa West ([02:09:15](#)):

For the amount of work that she's been doing and Mike has been great keeping it low for us all these years.

Jordan Walker ([02:09:23](#)):

Okay. I'll mention that we have about 12 to \$13,000 in, this is kind of a range of paper, but 12 to \$15,000 in just remaining three reverse casino funds. I should say the three River Casino funds equipment. We have about \$13,000 left once we deduct our most recent purchases.

Vanessa West ([02:09:46](#)):

And leak detection is the next thing that I've told Matt to do. He's found one that he likes and I think Jordan's followed up with the supplier, so they're supposed to get the exact quotes,

Jordan Walker ([02:09:59](#)):

The most recent email that was for something separate. But I was going to deal with that today. I was planning on and somebody called me this morning and said to go look at a leak and then somebody said, Hey, can we go check the chlorine into school?

Vanessa West ([02:10:14](#)):

I dunno who that would be.

Matt Ferkey ([02:10:20](#)):

I spent today doing different water department stuff.

Vanessa West ([02:10:23](#)):

So if you could just work on, I told him at our weekly employee meeting that I would like him to get the information and make sure it's from a reputable site, get us the exact amount so that it can get sent to Julie and I because the one that approve it not from company again. And then once we get that amount for what the leak detection equipment is, what's left, I would Matt, to kind of put down his wishlist and we can sit down together and prioritize after that. Sounds good. So we will be working on that here in the next week or two. You should have that for me and Julie to review for the leak catch equipment.

Matt Ferkey ([02:11:05](#)):

Yes. Are we, Hey, I came up with a filter with the replacement filter quotes really quick when it is up for debate.

Vanessa West ([02:11:13](#)):

Yeah. Yes, Sharon,

Sharon Kelly ([02:11:17](#)):

We and Gregor have our equipment and stuff up there. That plant engraved, to my knowledge it has not. We have done things to improve the security up there, but no it has not. So we could probably work on that. Did somebody buy engraver? No. It was determined that we had one. It's somewhere I saw it when I was speaking. Yeah, it was determined that we had one. We had the major changeover in employees. My somewhere, one of the first things that I did actually while I was a volunteer was make sure the building was more secure. That's fine. The door's locked. You cannot get in the building unless you're supposed to go in the building. It's kind of great.

Vanessa West ([02:11:59](#)):

And the gates has been locked. Yeah, when no one's there, the gate's locked. It's pretty neat.

Sharon Kelly ([02:12:05](#)):

That's good. But that doesn't mean somebody could break in and take our stuff. That's true. So yeah, we'll work

Vanessa West ([02:12:12](#)):

On that. They'll put it on their list. And I did pick up a has hours, a couple of chainsaws and weed eaters because those were a couple of the items that were stolen. So I did replace a couple items this month that Julie already, we did the chainsaws. Yep. Okay. Still from the still shop. And we get a 20% off discount. \$160 for the smaller chainsaw. I couldn't believe how cheap. Really? Yeah. Wow.

Matt Ferkey ([02:12:40](#)):

For a still?

Vanessa West ([02:12:41](#)):

Yeah. Nice. I couldn't believe it. It was like that's

Sharon Kelly ([02:12:44](#)):

Not cheap.

Vanessa West ([02:12:45](#)):

That's for chainsaw. That is outrageous. Cheap

Sharon Kelly ([02:12:48](#)):

Now. It is outrageous.

Vanessa West ([02:12:50](#)):

So yeah, so we got a medium one and the smaller one, I mean, and extra chains and stuff. So I was

Matt Ferkey ([02:12:56](#)):

Actually don't know if either one of 'em been fired up yet.

Vanessa West ([02:12:59](#)):

You only had it for two weeks guys. I mean

Matt Ferkey ([02:13:02](#)):

It is not that time of year.

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:13:03](#)):

You broke the weed wacker in though. Did

Matt Ferkey ([02:13:05](#)):

You get some files? What's that? Some files to sharpen your chain. I didn't have some

Vanessa West ([02:13:15](#)):

So we got

Jordan Walker ([02:13:17](#)):

Just review

Vanessa West ([02:13:18](#)):

It. Yeah, I reviewed the treasurer's report. There's the billing report.

Jordan Walker ([02:13:24](#)):

So ordinarily would we approve the financial statement

Vanessa West ([02:13:28](#)):

As the

Jordan Walker ([02:13:29](#)):

Report

Vanessa West ([02:13:30](#)):

Has motion to approve the financial statement? I make the

Sharon Kelly ([02:13:34](#)):

Motion to approve

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:13:35](#)):

The financial statement. I second. All in favor? Aye. Aye. Next billing report.

Jordan Walker ([02:13:46](#)):

So I have a update here. So I was going for old numbers and they seem to be fluctuating a whole lot and I found that I've been misreporting the past due amount.

Vanessa West ([02:14:00](#)):

Oh no.

Jordan Walker ([02:14:02](#)):

So these numbers reflect,

Vanessa West ([02:14:04](#)):

I don't like these numbers.

Jordan Walker ([02:14:06](#)):

No. So the previous reports included credits. Credits. So it deducted credits and it also, people who have a payment plan were not included. So another thing is that this is the end of the billing month rather than the day of the meeting. So it's including the 7,000 804 86. That's a lot of people who have just current balances at the end last month. So I will say it is a little bit worse than previously reported, but it's not as bad as it was here because it's included people's current bills.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:14:45](#)):

I by current bills, are you talking about the bill I just

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:14:48](#)):

Received or the current bills as of this report, which is the end of the month.

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ShirleyMarie Raven (02:14:53):

Which one? So if I didn't make a payment, let's see, we're in May, so if I didn't make a payment in April, that amount would be shown,

Jordan Walker (02:15:00):

Correct?

Vanessa West (02:15:00):

Yeah, but the amount that you just billed me at the end

ShirleyMarie Raven (02:15:03):

Of April is not included here. That's correct.

Vanessa West (02:15:05):

Okay. Am I understanding correct, so what you billed at the end of April is not included in here,

Jordan Walker (02:15:10):

Not included. Correct. So people's current bills that are currently out that aren't due until the 25th of this month are not included in this

Vanessa West (02:15:18):

Amount. Now I just paid you \$400 for my bills a week ago. That

Jordan Walker (02:15:24):

Payment would not be included in

Vanessa West (02:15:25):

This. Oh, we could take 400 off.

Jordan Walker (02:15:29):

So for consistency sake, I'm going to be doing it at the end, running this report at the end of the month when we do the end of period, end of the month before you do the new. Yes. Because otherwise that makes

Vanessa West (02:15:40):

Sense.

Jordan Walker (02:15:40):

Yes. Otherwise you get numbers that aren't consistent. Perfect.

Vanessa West (02:15:45):

Consistency is so anyone who's paid anything this month is not accounted for. Has to amount. Yeah. So am I understanding correctly that we have minimum? Yeah,

Jordan Walker (02:15:57):

I expect, I sent the notices, but I sent the bill. I sent those on Friday. Oh you did? I didn't get it. Paper. Okay. I can please. What's your name? Franken. REKE. Okay, I will make sure I got that. Thank you.

Julie Doran-Lee (02:16:14):

Am I understanding correctly we have five people that owe more than a thousand dollars? Yes. I thought we had that down to like No,

Jordan Walker (02:16:26):

So one of those was someone who has a payment plan which was taken out the previous reports, which is why I no longer use that report. So this is basically the worst possible. It is the best. The most accurate. Accurate. It just looks the worst.

Julie Doran-Lee (02:16:46):

That's what I'm going to, are all five of those people on payment plans?

Jordan Walker (02:16:50):

Yes.

Julie Doran-Lee (02:16:51):

Okay.

Jordan Walker (02:16:52):

Well actually

Julie Doran-Lee (02:16:56):

Still,

Jordan Walker (02:16:58):

Well that's something that we can discuss because they insurance plan that doesn't,

Vanessa West (02:17:06):

But that's separate and I don't think that's ongoing is it? Didn't they fail to talk to 'em? Those are separate issues because that insurance claim isn't going to be approved. Okay. Yeah, I talked to the insurance

Jordan Walker (02:17:19):

Agent. It's something probably me and Vanessa and Y can talk about.

Vanessa West (02:17:22):

Okay.

Jordan Walker (02:17:24):

Yeah, I don't know where that stands. The last I heard is that she said she wasn't going to pay until,

Julie Doran-Lee (02:17:34):

Oh, well I was told personally that she contacted you and made payment rent arrangements and everything's good.

Sharon Kelly (02:17:40):

No, she doesn't. She speaks with for tongue.

Vanessa West (02:17:47):

Okay. Well we will, we'll discuss that. Discuss that later. We can't discuss, it's not public knowledge. Public information, but I did speak with, Julie and I both spoke with the insurance person and pretty much there isn't a case there and his opinion, so we will and I gave her their phone number a couple different times to call. So I just need, we can follow through and work out something here. I did look like we are bringing in a decent amount of money. Like an April we brought in a \$23,000.

Jordan Walker (02:18:20):

Well it's 20. So the top, the middle figure I should say that's just the amount Bill. Yeah, right. In 19 five, actual payment compared to last year for up more than \$7,000.

Vanessa West (02:18:35):

What was that?

Jordan Walker (02:18:36):

So the actual amount received last month is up more than \$7,000 I think. Is

Vanessa West (02:18:43):

That

ShirleyMarie Raven (02:18:43):

From April of 23?

Vanessa West (02:18:46):

Oh and that was probably the increase. Yes. So we brought in about 7,000 more dollars this month in April than we did last year in April. That's correct. Oh, and the same thing with the build and receive. So that's pretty good. And does everyone pretty much have a payment plan that's over everyone, 500 mark?

Jordan Walker (02:19:18):

No, people who don't have payment plans, they still make regular payments. People who received that letter

Vanessa West (02:19:31):

And those are the people that haven't paid in several months.

Sharon Kelly (02:19:35):

Could you send out a copy of the payment plan?

Vanessa West (02:19:39):

Well they're individualized in some ways.

Sharon Kelly ([02:19:42](#)):

No, I know that, but general copy,

Vanessa West ([02:19:49](#)):

We don't need to know the individual as board members don't need to know each individual.

Sharon Kelly ([02:19:54](#)):

No, I know that. I know that the board members don't need to

Vanessa West ([02:19:57](#)):

Know or the community members don't need to know an individual.

Jordan Walker ([02:20:03](#)):

No, I probably can't give you what you're looking

Vanessa West ([02:20:06](#)):

For a generic something. Yeah,

Jordan Walker ([02:20:08](#)):

Just the terms of the plan. Yeah. Yeah. I can give that to you. Just say this is what you owe. It's

Jordan Walker ([02:20:15](#)):

Probably in this packet of password meeting minutes, it says that your order's going to shut off unless she called Jordan Walker and make appropriate reasonable payment plan. No, I'd say

Sharon Kelly ([02:20:27](#)):

This is what you owe. Please fill out how much you can pay in addition to,

Vanessa West ([02:20:36](#)):

That's pretty much, yeah, we set a minimum amount based on a percentage based on what they owe.

Jordan Walker ([02:20:42](#)):

I can send you the letter that we sent. The S. Yeah. Does mapleton still have a rule? If you buy a house here and there's money owed on that house, you have to pay it if you're the new I

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:20:54](#)):

Been victim of

Jordan Walker ([02:20:55](#)):

That. You do?

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:20:57](#)):

I had to do that.

Tamey Renken ([02:20:58](#)):

We had to do it too. It just didn't fill

Vanessa West ([02:21:00](#)):

Right. The real estate agents should be better. Plus for the real estate agents to help you. My tenant out and left a water bill

Sharon Kelly ([02:21:10](#)):

And she's a real estate agent. Yeah.

Vanessa West ([02:21:14](#)):

And believe I check and when I see houses locally here go pending, I let people in the sewer know too and stuff so they can try to get it out because people don't contact and don't know until after the fact. Right.

Tamey Renken ([02:21:25](#)):

Until the end of that closing. It's like, oh, you got to pay. I don't pay other people's bills.

Vanessa West ([02:21:30](#)):

Well, and there was a pretty outstanding sewer bill on the bill and that just got paid and we got 'em to pay before we closed as a real estate agent. I said, Hey, there's a lien here. And so we actually got like a thousand to \$1,400 paid off of a lie. Otherwise we would've put them to collections. So yeah, I check it's

Neil Hadley ([02:21:50](#)):

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Vanessa West ([02:21:51](#)):

Thank you. Michael is before eight o'clock. Good risk management report.

Jordan Walker ([02:22:00](#)):

So we have been talking I we haven't made a whole lot of pro address on that still. I did email to or Troy a couple times last month to check in with him and also because we needed to pay back the amount for the equipment that we got back. I also have, I'm not sure if Tasia and Matt got emails from Vector Solutions to set up an accountable, that's an online training thing. I'll send them to you then. So that is in the process of getting set up and I didn't get to send a formal report to Troy this last month, but I plan on doing that at the end of the month, which is going to be audit deadline was so I just didn't, but we have had contact with SDIS. Okay,

Vanessa West ([02:23:00](#)):

Good. Probably more than they'd like at this point. So plant system update. Our new employee has got the plant running better than it has ever ran. And so you want to give a quick little summary about the plant and system update, which would also include the leaks that we had today, maybe two minutes on each.

Matt Ferkey ([02:23:27](#)):

So again, like she said, plants running good. We've got wait, sorry. Okay, so plants running good. We have done a lot of things, but the biggest one is probably working on getting proper testing equipment, getting things calibrated, getting things clean, repairing the filters. Of course I wasn't here for last meeting, but that's probably all of our numbers look good. We are going to have discrepancies with the system survey through Oregon Health Authority. It's just going to be stuff, Hey, this should have been this way and we're going to get it done. But really feel like the water treatment plan is going well. The things that we discussed, like the internet and chlorine monitoring, stuff like that. And then leaks. We do have a few new leaks. They're small, so we're going to work on on Wednesday with the contractor. I believe Tasia and I might both be involved in that so that we're watching learning and involved.

Vanessa West ([02:24:35](#)):

Where is it at?

Matt Ferkey ([02:24:37](#)):

The leaks are both on Rice Road that we're going to look at. One is, it's something that's been ongoing for quite a while that we're not sure, but on a hot day today, you can still see water

Vanessa West ([02:24:50](#)):

That's not at that location that they were working on after the issues from the fire, is it? No. Okay. No.

Matt Ferkey ([02:25:01](#)):

The big one that we're dealing with is a new leak and it's quite possible that it might just be where service line connects into the mainline, but you got to dig it up to Bright now

Vanessa West ([02:25:14](#)):

And then if it was a service line, they could probably be under their way around it. But if it happens to be a main line and as soon as they start digging, then we had to call then the contractors that can't come in for two days. So it's just safer to get some more information, the debt, find out and get them some training by watching. You got to do all the

Matt Ferkey ([02:25:35](#)):

Dig,

Vanessa West ([02:25:36](#)):

Huh? You got to do all the cards before you dig. Yes, we already did. They did.

Matt Ferkey ([02:25:41](#)):

It was labeled as an emergency because we were considering possibly trying to repair it today, but the last time, time that I was involved with a leak that was jumped into, we ended up working until what, 11 o'clock at night in the dark, in the rain. And so we're taking a different approach with this one and we're going to, it's not a major leak right now. It's not causing a problem. Any damage that's caused by it is going to be minimal and it's just going to be easier and less stressful to let the contractors do this one. And I'm actually probably going to Mike with h and H is really cool. I'm probably going to discuss with him what type of supplies we need to have on hand. Yes. Because I'm sure that he will gladly let me know so that he'll get us some of the equipment that we need to have on hand.

Vanessa West ([02:26:32](#)):

Cool. Yeah. Mike's bringing to everything just in case this is, or that he's bringing 'em to Eugene on Wednesday. So Yeah, no, and they're really helpful if you've got any questions. H and j does really, really good work, but they're really good people that we can just call and bounce some ideas off of. So they're going to know our system better than us pretty soon. New plant update we're getting there. Those engineers coming up with those numbers and this and that is just forever. And so we did sign the contract with Bodie Construction and then two or three months ago we gave them that and then we had to sign a contract and then we had to sign something else. But now Bodhi has gotten his stuff after we signed three different papers, it took two months, three months to get written. They have got their bond and their license and all the stuff that they're working on and I think they still have a couple more things to do before it's like finalizing. They'll be able to let us know when they start.

Jordan Walker ([02:27:34](#)):

That email that Lori sent over is in the back.

Vanessa West ([02:27:39](#)):

So I did, I keep on asking them for updates right before the board meeting and literally they sent it to me today at four o'clock. So I just forwarded it to him. So yeah, waited on submittals to suppliers. So yeah, so really he's got his license and bond, but he's still waiting to get firm bids from all of his people and then he'll let us know. So really it's going to be, they don't know when they're going to start but they plan on Spartan in the next month or two from my understandings. And the new skid it is supposed to be in, this is part of their 200 days I do believe.

Jordan Walker ([02:28:27](#)):

Yes. We signed

Vanessa West ([02:28:29](#)):

A contract. We signed a contract. So this is part of their 200 days. And this process, I talked to a couple of different contractors and they said that yes is normal. Wouldn't this, it is a normal process. It takes for a little bit, but then once they get all this done, then they start moving. The skids already built. Really, it's just enlarging the building and fitting stuff and it shouldn't, I mean it's 1.1 million for their work, but it really doesn't seem like rocket science to me.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:28:57](#)):

And really in the world of construction, 1.8 million is not very much money.

Vanessa West ([02:29:01](#)):

1.1 million isn't

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:29:04](#)):

Much is not much in the world of construction.

Vanessa West ([02:29:07](#)):

Especially when the engineer gets his 20, 30% cut and then this person gets their 23% cut and yeah, it's like

Matt Ferkey ([02:29:14](#)):

We have a grant for lines for place in lines. Right. That's what we discussed in the last,

Vanessa West ([02:29:19](#)):

The 800,000

Matt Ferkey ([02:29:20](#)):

And they're saying that \$800,000 might get a mile worth of line.

Vanessa West ([02:29:25](#)):

Yeah,

Matt Ferkey ([02:29:25](#)):

If

Vanessa West ([02:29:26](#)):

That,

Matt Ferkey ([02:29:28](#)):

Yeah,

Vanessa West ([02:29:28](#)):

Because the engineers and everyone else get it. It's about 50% and just markups and I've seen 70% and markups. Okay, next new

Sharon Kelly ([02:29:43](#)):

Part-time employee,

Vanessa West ([02:29:44](#)):

We have a new part-time employee and that is Tasye. We are very excited to have Cap Tazy on board. She is born and raised in Napleton, right?

Taysie Savage ([02:29:57](#)):

I am born in house that I own right now. Yes. Ola. Your mom and dad have the No, only among no Dad can think of somebody else. Trust me, there's dad involved. They me, Casey who owned the hardware tour? Oh well when I was a kid it was, oh man, what was his name? He used to head on my home all the time. The hardware store up down here? Yeah, yeah. Oh that's Farmers. And then before that was Beck. Yeah, there you go.

Vanessa West ([02:30:33](#)):

Yeah, I can hang was spec.

Vanessa West ([02:30:36](#)):

Yeah. So we are very excited and Tasia will be very helpful because even though we're paying the engineers I still have and the contractors, we still have to manage them daily. They want us to pay our workers to go there and who showed up which contractors, what did they do? Did they do what you're

supposed to do? And they're supposed to be the engineer who's getting paid a bunch of money is going to use our workers is there to save us some money. Not a lot but yeah. So there will be a lot of project management that our workers are going to need to be doing and just to help supervise. That'll be split up between them and me. But these projects to try to save, if we could save a hundred thousand, that would be awesome with just us three and maybe we can find another community volunteer or two and if we could save out of the 400,000, I think we might be able to save a good hundred thousand if we really do it right, really do it right. I think that we can,

Matt Ferkey (02:31:43):

Tasie is a very self-motivated go get stuff done kind of person. Yay.

Vanessa West (02:31:50):

So this might be Tassie's project is her goal is to say it a hundred grant

Matt Ferkey (02:31:57):

On you, ta

Vanessa West (02:31:59):

All on you.

Matt Ferkey (02:32:01):

Moving

Vanessa West (02:32:02):

On. So grant committee art's not here. Like I said, he did fill out, that was last time he filled out that HUD grant we should know in a couple months. Other than that, we're just emails right here. Everything set up.

Matt Ferkey (02:32:16):

Emails on the last page. Yep. There's update.

Vanessa West (02:32:18):

I think it said there's not much change. He's still working on everything

ShirleyMarie Raven (02:32:22):

I need to hear about these different grants that he submitted five different grants and he worked on 3,200 to 62,000

Vanessa West (02:32:31):

And that's the grants I'm talking about for the emergency hub grant he wrote, instead of writing one, he was told the chances be better if he broke 'em into five. So he submitted those and we should know in the next couple months he's really getting some good progress on trying to access the 800,000 grant that we were talking about during the budget meeting that we were actually awarded three or four years ago. But it takes a lot. We were awarded it but there was like 20 steps we had to go through and no one made it past step one. And so now Art's on step like 12 or 14, he's really going through the work. He's really getting there and we're actually going to be able to write an application to see some of the money here pretty soon. So it's been a lot of work and he's getting there. So I'm pretty excited.

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:33:21](#)):

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Vanessa West ([02:33:22](#)):

Okay. Any updates for the emergency committee? Nope. Any updates for the finance committee?

Jordan Walker ([02:33:33](#)):

That would just be the budget.

Vanessa West ([02:33:35](#)):

The budget and it went away. Went good.

Matt Ferkey ([02:33:38](#)):

Already

Vanessa West ([02:33:38](#)):

Done operations. I think everything's going good. I greatly appreciate the workers that I have now. It's very nice and easy for workers to give me updates and do what they're supposed to do and I don't know, it's have

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:33:55](#)):

Employees that act like

Vanessa West ([02:33:56](#)):

Grownups and not be scared to be alone with them in the woods. So thank you very much

Taysie Savage ([02:34:07](#)):

Katie though. She's the mayor over me. I understand. Who's the administration committee? It's kind of me right now.

Vanessa West ([02:34:16](#)):

Yes.

Jordan Walker ([02:34:17](#)):

Yes. One, I got volunteer hours from volunteers but not board members. So if you have a moment, do you have access to your board email? Yeah. Okay.

Vanessa West ([02:34:30](#)):

I did see it but I had some priorities this week so I will work on it the next week or two. Okay, so

Jordan Walker ([02:34:36](#)):

Board I submitted some S? Yes. And did Carol and so did Carol Lee.

Vanessa West ([02:34:43](#)):

I got a whole calendar here of saved in my phone that will give me lots in every email. I'll just need to sit down for about four or five hours and I can give you the last this whole year's worth.

Jordan Walker ([02:34:54](#)):

So just a reminder,

Vanessa West ([02:34:56](#)):

It'll be a lot of hours but it'll take me time.

Jordan Walker ([02:34:59](#)):

But that's pretty much

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:35:01](#)):

Some more volunteer hours.

Matt Ferkey ([02:35:02](#)):

It's pretty much it for administration.

Vanessa West ([02:35:05](#)):

Okay. Okay, so we'll prioritize those volunteer hours. Sounds like a plan. So public comment.

Matt Ferkey ([02:35:14](#)):

I have a question and so the mileage was discussed. I know that there's some talks about a work truck, but I just did the quick mileage for mine. Is it 67 cents a mile? Yes. Okay, so you guys did a hundred dollars for my mileage for the month. It cost a hundred dollars for my mileage for the month. I don't know what it would cost to insure and maintain a vehicle for that month. And the other thing is my mileage is because I am doing the daily testing and sometimes I have to go up there twice to make sure things are in operation. Actually our DRC just commented to me about something about the fact that we're not actively monitoring our chlorine so we do our required testing, but he would like that it is actively monitored, but I think that a lot of the mileage, even between the three employees combined is probably not even breaking into what it would cost to maintain a single vehicle through the department. Does that seem

Vanessa West ([02:36:12](#)):

That is correct. Okay. So I wouldn't vote to buy a vehicle by no means, but if we can get a free vehicle, we only have to do that. It costs a little bit more and then our workers can have a good vehicle not have to use their own. The tools can stay there and not have to get moved in and out and ruin a worker's vehicle and a worker wouldn't have to have their own. But, so the mileage I think is very helpful for us. But when we do move up, I really do think that we do need a work truck. So that I

ShirleyMarie Raven ([02:36:38](#)):

Had that same thought of while ago about the mileage. So it's like, okay, so we're paying for some mileage to have a vehicle, insurance repairs, everything else is steady. So yeah, good point. Yeah, I did the quick online for April. It was a hundred dollars and there's a lot of 15 minute trips up to the water plant just to do testing and stuff. So

Vanessa West ([02:36:59](#)):

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No. Anyone else have any questions? Okay, I'm impressed. Board is an hour and 39 minutes

Julie Doran-Lee ([02:37:15](#)):

Through our meetings where we walk out of here at 10 30 at May. We're a little excited and we're going to work on it being shorter, even shorter next week I think get but we lot less tone. Well I'm almost cigarettes and I make store by eight and.