

Speaker 1 ([00:00:00](#)):

Alright, this is the regular meeting of the New Orleans Regional Business Park, uh, hereby call this meeting to order at 3:09 PM Madam Secretary, please call the roll

Speaker 2 ([00:00:11](#)):

Members. Rodney

Speaker 3 ([00:00:13](#)):

Present.

Speaker 2 ([00:00:14](#)):

John Taylor present. John Wind Present <inaudible> here. Lloyd Jones. Greg Jefferson, Jeana Bennett. Present Vice Chair Tucker Charlie Hughes

Speaker 1 ([00:00:36](#)):

Here.

Speaker 4 ([00:00:37](#)):

And, uh, vice Chair Tucker wanted you guys to know that he would be here, but he's at the Washington Mardi Gras.

Speaker 1 ([00:00:44](#)):

Yeah. Um, for the record, um, the Vice Chair is an excused absence and, uh, Ms. Jones has an excused absence. Uh, she may join us, but thank you. It's excused.

Speaker 4 ([00:00:55](#)):

Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:00:56](#)):

Alright, uh, agenda item number three, um, introduction of guests and public comment. Um, we have one guest involved,

Speaker 5 ([00:01:04](#)):

Er, er consultant.

Speaker 1 ([00:01:07](#)):

Thank you very much. Um, is there any public comment? Uh, seeing none. We will go to, uh, item number four, review and approval of the agenda. Um, I'm gonna ask that we, uh, move item number seven, uh, to become item number five. And then everything else will go down in succession. So after Mr. Feiffer gives his report, you'll be able to leave.

Speaker 4 ([00:01:32](#)):

So we'll just need to vote on

Speaker 1 ([00:01:33](#)):

That. Is there any objection to that amendment without objection? Absolutely. Thank you. So now, uh, I'll entertain a motion, uh, to approve the agenda as amended. Uh, moved by Chairman Tatum. Second. Second by Commissioner Wallace. Is any objection without objection? The agenda is adopted. Uh, agenda item number five. Uh, five count report.

Speaker 5 ([00:02:07](#)):

Thank you, chair <inaudible>. Um, so at this point we had thought that the instruction at the advanced site would be completed. Um, there were a few outstanding issues, uh, one being with plumbing. I'll touch on the other being with fire Marshal inspection. Um, at this point, the main building inspection has been completed. That doesn't include the plumbing, electrical, fire marshal and mechanical. Those are outstanding at this point. Um, but the act of building permit for the renovations, the demolition and the accessory structure is complete. Um, I have the final report that I received this morning. I'll forward that to everyone this afternoon, um, to close that out. But that doesn't mean that the certificate of occupancy for the building was available yet. There's still the outstanding trade inspections on the fire marshal to be completed.

Speaker 5 ([00:03:06](#)):

So with the accessory structure, um, there is some flooding that's now occurring because of the area around all the mud that was pulled from the dig out of the accessory structure. It was kind of compounded behind it. Um, as you can see in the photographs, the water is back pulling into the structure. And Vanos stated, I'm sorry, Woodward stated that before advo would be able to use it, they have to make sure it's draining. Their intention is to dig a small ditch from that area to the main drainage ditch along the property line to drain the parking lot of that entire area.

Speaker 3 ([00:03:44](#)):

Question?

Speaker 5 ([00:03:45](#)):

Yes, ma'am.

Speaker 3 ([00:03:46](#)):

It wasn't doing this before. So do they know what started causing it? Mm-Hmm. To

Speaker 5 ([00:03:52](#)):

Right behind the structure, they packed the mud and debris that was pulled out when they dug out the footings and they just stuck it right there, which presumably was where the natural drainage had occurred prior to the construction. And so they're gonna have to pull those, that area, grade it down and create a drainage to rectify that problem caused by the construction of the accessory structure.

Speaker 3 ([00:04:16](#)):

Okay. Thank you.

Speaker 5 ([00:04:17](#)):

I spoke with, um, Mr. Hernandez, one of the supervisors at Woodward, um, during the, the walkthrough with the fire marshal. And we discussed the issues relative to that area and they said they're gonna take care of it. Um, as everyone knows, the water is off to the building at this point. All the plumbing, um, construction work has been completed, but the plumbing subcontractor's not able to get the final

inspection until the water's turned back on. As well as the fire marshal can come in and do the funnel walkthrough as part of that is testing the fire suppression system. So those two inspections are on hold pending the water being turned back on after the repair or the replacement. Sir,

Speaker 6 ([00:05:06](#)):

Does anybody know if Inno can operate without the water

Speaker 5 ([00:05:09](#)):

On it? Well, they can't get the final inspections in order to get the certificate of occupancy to legally occupy the bullet.

Speaker 6 ([00:05:17](#)):

Okay. So that, that has to be answered before you can even answer if they can do their operations without water.

Speaker 5 ([00:05:27](#)):

I can't speak to whether they can do the operation route, but effectively they can't knock that space to even try at that point. Yes.

Speaker 4 ([00:05:34](#)):

I mean, if you're asking if their process involves water, I remember asking Omar that. He told me it did not, because I was asking him that to find out how much the water bill might be, and he said, well, our process doesn't involve water.

Speaker 6 ([00:05:48](#)):

Well still they must have to

Speaker 4 ([00:05:49](#)):

Wash, but they have to wash their hands. Yeah, exactly.

Speaker 3 ([00:05:53](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 5 ([00:05:58](#)):

There some water meter has been sold and that area's been tripped out. There's a small access panel, uh, on the left bathroom and in there for y'all to be able to read it and check some, um, readings. Um, it's pretty straightforward when you walk in the bathroom, but there's a photograph for your reference. Um, the office area security issues still exist. I have went through several times since the last meeting, um, and checked, at no point have I noticed any evidence of anybody being in those areas. The doors were remained closed as much as they can be. Um, and none of the lights were on, but it's still an outstanding issue that needs, uh, <inaudible>.

Speaker 5 ([00:06:41](#)):

So the parking lot lights are fully tied in. The battalion panel is on the advan of side. Um, their electrician is gonna clearly label that box for reference one, um, for any type of access that's needed. Um, only two lights actually have power at this. Well, I mean, or operation. They all have power and Woodward has

tested all of them, but most of them were either blown fuses or, uh, damaged light bulbs. So the last time I was out there, there's two, um, right in the main, if you walk out the front of the building office area, the two right in the front were operational. So at this point, it's just a matter of getting somebody into change up the light bulbs, um, to get that back in order. But, um, it is tied in, um, on the dano and the their electricity, which would be counted under the subir. Just for your reference,

Speaker 5 ([00:07:38](#)):

The fire alarm has been the biggest hiccup with getting everything completed aside from the water. Um, I've been going back and forth with the subcontractor Woodward and everyone involved on getting everything tied in at the, the last meeting, I reported that it was gonna be tied into the fire box on the Myers end, right when you walked into the back, um, there was still some integration issues with the type and the alarm system, uh, because they're going to be redesigned. Back in December, it actually had to go back to the fire marshal for a secondary review. When the fire marshal came out earlier this month for the final walkthrough, they notated that what was being inspected and what was on paper did not match. So as a legal formality, they had to go back and review everything.

Speaker 5 ([00:08:30](#)):

No action that y'all need to take at this point. But just to let you know, um, finally, um, commissioner Tucker had, uh, reached out to me, uh, a couple days ago. Myers had stated that there was a, a severe roof leak in the corner of their area that had gotten onto some of their product. Um, it was relative to one of the roof drains was inundated. Uh, asked me to go out there and clear the area and notate what I saw. Mainly it's just the, that one tree that touches the building is overreaching the edge of the, the roof. And there was a large amount of leaves piled up around the drain, which led to the water pile up. I went up there, I cleared the drain out. Um, I took a leaf blower, cleared up as much water as I could. Um, I did notate that there is an area that looks like it had been patched, that is pulled back. That's, um, on page eight. Um, at this point with the tree being over the edge of the building and with that roof patch coming off, that will get ongoing problem for you.

Speaker 3 ([00:09:39](#)):

I got a question.

Speaker 7 ([00:09:40](#)):

Yes, sir. Look, looking at the picture, I see like white spots where the roof should be all black. And usually when you see white spots, that's the fire. Some other leaks on the back one thing. But when you see those white spots when you get wall, how many white patches? Not, not the patch, but, but you see no black be black.

Speaker 5 ([00:10:02](#)):

Those are all over. I walked the roof when I went to the drinks. Get, there were any other issues with the drains? That was only one, but it's ole on that roof as far as patchwork. Um, you can see where large areas 10 by 10 full square and changed over time, including in this area. It's, you'd be hard for us to just continue to patch the areas and get every single one at this point. So at this point, most of the construction has subsided the mechanical and the electrical. Um, the construction end has completed. All that's left is the final tie in with's actual machinery, um, into the open wires. So they can't get the final inspections on those until they get everything tied in because that would be loose wires and open service. So once that gets done, then the electrician and the mechanical can call for their final inspections. There shouldn't be any issues, um, with the test. And then once the water's back on the final walkthrough with the fire marshal and the plumbing inspector from switch waterboard to wrap. Thanks. Conclude my report.

Speaker 1 ([00:11:24](#)):

Thank you. Um, are any questions, uh, from the members of the board? Commissioner Bennett?

Speaker 3 ([00:11:33](#)):

Um,

Speaker 2 ([00:11:34](#)):

Just I could refresh my memory. The, the leak that we had with the Soldier Water Board, has that been addressed? Is that, 'cause I'm wondering if they can get a final inspection if we still have a,

Speaker 4 ([00:11:47](#)):

That's not a part of his scope, but no, that has not been done. But he's not involved with that. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:11:57](#)):

Any other questions? It is

Speaker 5 ([00:11:58](#)):

Holding up the construction.

Speaker 1 ([00:12:02](#)):

We we're, we're gonna get the plumbing later in the agenda. Um, so are there any questions for pertaining to Mr. Uh, Viper's report? Alright, if not, um, on behalf of the board, let me say thank you, um, for just all of the, the work that you've contributed over the past several months. I know, um, that this will probably be your last board meeting, but, um, um, just wanted to publicly say on behalf of the board, thank you for

Speaker 5 ([00:12:31](#)):

Everything. I really appreciate the opportunity to provide service to the board on this. And I'm happy that the project is coming forward.

Speaker 1 ([00:12:40](#)):

Thank you, sir. Thank you. Alright, um,

Speaker 1 ([00:12:46](#)):

Item number six, uh, chair chairperson's report. So really quickly by way of my report, um, happy New Year everyone. Thank you all, uh, for your continued dedication, um, to this organization. Um, just a couple things for, uh, your heads up. Uh, at the February meeting, I will be presenting a plan to the board, um, to, um, beginning in February, go to an every other month, uh, board meeting system. Uh, I think we have, um, done a lot of heavy lifting, uh, that no longer requires us to meet on a monthly basis. Uh, so I'll be presenting that plan to, um, meet in February, April, June, August, October and December of this year. Um, and I'll also, um, be presenting a plan for, uh, how we deal with approvals of invoices and payments, um, between those meetings. So I'll be getting with the Vice Chairman, uh, and Chairman Tatum, uh, to discuss that.

Speaker 1 ([00:13:42](#)):

Um, I'll also be presenting, uh, a plan around some greater financial controls for the organization. I think we do a great job. It's, it's, it's nothing that we should be alarmed about. Um, I'm just always looking at

best practices and how we can get better. And so, uh, I will be, uh, working with Chairman Tatum, the Vice Chairman, Ms. Diaz, and our board council, uh, to discuss that. Um, and as a heads up, I will be filing a bill, um, during the legislative session related to the business part. It's largely just clean up. If you look at the statute. Um, you know, there, there, there are some things in the statute that are grossly outdated. Uh, there are things in statute that probably should be in the bylaws rather than than statute. Um, we have an appointment from the representative for District 1 0 3, uh, which was, uh, formerly, uh, Ray Garo and now is Mike Ham. Um, effective January 8th, um, the new district lines took place. And so the representative for District 1 0 3 no longer represents any part of Orleans Parish in the past. Um, district part of the business park actually fell in house district 1 0 3, but that house district is now exclusively Saint Bernard Parish. So, um, there is no longer a need for, uh, that appointment to be on the board. And I don't think that will impact anybody. 'cause I don't think, um, mm-Hmm. <affirmative>.

Speaker 4 ([00:15:00](#)):

I don't think they ever signed

Speaker 1 ([00:15:01](#)):

Representative Garafalo ever. Um, put forth, uh, I continue a second. Um, I don't think Representative Garal ever put forth a, um, a, a nominee, um, so a, after the previous nominee got off the board. So, um, we'll also be addressing the terms of members. Right now, the, uh, legislation, uh, states that members, uh, serve for two year terms. Uh, I will be, uh, changing that to, uh, serving concurrent with the appointing authority. Um, I just think that will have greater continuity. Mm-Hmm, <affirmative>. And the, um, will also serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. So if the appointing authority, it won't tie their hands completely. Um, so that, that's really the, uh, impetus behind that legislation and, and, uh, certainly welcome any and all feedback from any of you. Uh, commissioner Plum,

Speaker 8 ([00:15:52](#)):

Um, I was an appointment of Ray, our fellow, uh, and his last appointment was, if I'm not mistaken, um, Robbie Connect and Robbie lived in, um, Ian. So is the rural part of New Orleans East Field raised, or, or, is, is

Speaker 1 ([00:16:20](#)):

It's in my district. Any other questions from the members of the commission? Alright. Um, thank you all. That completes my report. Um, we'll now go on to, um, the, the other part of agenda item number six as a resolution. And I will yield the board council to explain that.

Speaker 4 ([00:16:51](#)):

Yeah. So that's a broad resolution. Granting the emergency authority to the chair to select the plumbing contractor. As you've heard, the water is currently off. And, um, well, I haven't been out there in a while, but it was drying up nicely once the water was off so that they can actually get out there some plumbing contractor and do the work. I have not been actively involved in that, although I do know that vice chair, um, Tucker has, um, been receiving some, um, some bids to take a, to, to do repairs and to see what kind of repairs would need to be done. I know that one of the repair considerations was repair, replace the entire line. There's probably two issues going on. There's probably a leak. Uh, um, se water board thinks that the meter, but they also say that, uh, one of the pipes is broken.

Speaker 4 ([00:17:46](#)):

There was some debate as to how it got broken, but there's of the pipes that's broken. So the line, the question was to replace that entire line or not. So we've put in here a resolution that grants broad

authority. The reason you see 250,000, and we do not think it would be anywhere near that amount of money from talking to Commissioner Tucker, but that is the threshold before you need to intro do a public bid. So to grant the widest possible authority so that the board can move quickly and get this done, is to of course, get at least three bids and then select one, making sure that the price was not, would not exceed that public bid amount. And that's what that's about.

Speaker 1 ([00:18:29](#)):

Uh, so to be clear, members, uh, thank you Madam Council. I am asking for, um, the authority to, um, um, make this selection and get this work done. Uh, obviously this is an emergency situation. Um, I think all of you that know me knows I would never ask for, um, this type of authority if I did not think it was needed. Um, but, uh, we, we really need to get this completed as soon as possible. So that is the request. Uh, is there any questions or comments from the board?

Speaker 2 ([00:18:57](#)):

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Speaker 7 ([00:18:57](#)):

So that's the, the trigger for the public bid is not lower as

Speaker 4 ([00:19:01](#)):

That. Oh, I'm positive.

Speaker 1 ([00:19:08](#)):

Any additional questions? If not, I will offer up that motion. Second. Second by Commissioner Wallace. Uh, is there any in readiness? I Madam Secretary, please call the role a yes vote is to approve the resolution. A no vote is to not approve the resolution.

Speaker 2 ([00:19:25](#)):

Commissioner Wallace?

Speaker 9 ([00:19:27](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 2 ([00:19:28](#)):

Commissioner Taylor? Yes. Commissioner Render?

Speaker 10 ([00:19:31](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 2 ([00:19:32](#)):

Commissioner Plum

Speaker 9 ([00:19:34](#)):

Standing.

Speaker 2 ([00:19:39](#)):

Commissioner <inaudible>? Yes. Commissioner Jefferson?

Speaker 10 ([00:19:43](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 2 ([00:19:43](#)):

Commissioner Bennett? Yes. Chair <inaudible>?

Speaker 1 ([00:19:48](#)):

Yes. Uh, seven Yays, one abstention. And that resolution is approved. Uh, thank you members. Um, agenda chairman, commissioner, um, Jefferson,

Speaker 10 ([00:19:57](#)):

I have a question as, as for the tire ropes in my Sure. Is it possible that sewage and waterboard can tie, it can give us a temporary tie in to the line so Van and um, Myers can have access to the water until we find someone to actually do the work. Is there one another possibility?

Speaker 4 ([00:20:16](#)):

Yeah, I don't know, but we could certainly ask. Yeah, we

Speaker 1 ([00:20:19](#)):

Can acquire.

Speaker 4 ([00:20:20](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 1 ([00:20:23](#)):

Thank you. Um, agenda item number seven, uh, finance committee report. Um, turn it over to Chairman Tate.

Speaker 9 ([00:20:31](#)):

Chairman, uh, good afternoon everybody. We had a good finance committee and today we'll present the 2024 budget that you'll hear in just a minute. Um, but before I hand it over to Michelle, um, just wanted to say a few things too that you'll see in the invoices, um, particularly around Entergy and Sewage and Water Board that we discussed. Um, but we'll go into detail in a minute. But just want to keep on your, um, radar. If you do notice the late payment charge that we came up with a solution that, uh, we'll recommend, um, once we finish going through the invoices that we want to recommend to the board. Just on, on utilities. And it sounds like, chairman, we are gonna talk about this now that we're going month to every other month to meet. So it kind of coincides with what you, uh, chairman were mentioning around invoices and that payment process that we also discussed today in finance committee given, uh, Michelle recommended for Michelle authority to pay these, um, invoices, uh,

Speaker 11 ([00:21:29](#)):

For utilities.

Speaker 9 ([00:21:30](#)):

Say that again?

Speaker 11 ([00:21:31](#)):

Specifically

Speaker 9 ([00:21:32](#)):

Utilities Specifically, yeah. For utilities. Um, so I just wanted to put that on everybody's radar before we dive in. Um, but yeah, thank you finance committee and everybody. Um, I think we got a good budget that's coming over here. So Michelle, hand it over to you for any questions or anything. I'll hand it over.

Speaker 11 ([00:21:55](#)):

Okay. Um, I'll do the financial statement presentation. Um, I just, just distributed to each of you. Um, we'll start with the second page, the statement of activities for the month of December. We had rent of 28,007 60, which was 25,275 from Myers plus, uh, 34, um hundred, roughly from Banno interest on the savings account of one 15 and utilities reimbursement from advo of 5,074 for total revenue of 33,949. The expenses were as follows, insurance for the boiler equipment 6 88 accounting fees of \$10,500 total to Michelle Diaz, CPA contracted services of \$1,200, uh, which was to <inaudible> website hosting of \$90 legal fees of 8,722 utilities. Uh, the electric and water together was 7,020 and miscellaneous of 1860. That was principally because of the, uh, roughly \$1,800 that we remitted to the advocate for the publishing of the notices that were required for the leases. Total expenses were 30,000 oh 81. The net income for the month was 38. 68.

Speaker 9 ([00:23:16](#)):

And on the, just to add on the miscellaneous, the, um,

Speaker 11 ([00:23:19](#)):

Yes. Um, we, yeah, yeah. In the miscellaneous, we also have, um, \$40, which is two \$20 charges that Hancock Whitney assesses two New Orleans Regional Business Park for receiving a wire from Advo. So we are going to, um, ask the bank if they're willing to start waiving that fee or ask al to remit their rent in some other method outside of a wire. They're, we are actually incurring a \$20 fee each time we receive a wire. So we'll, we'll address that so that we don't continue to incur that. If you'll turn to the first page, the statement of financial position, the only input that changed was the cash, which went up by the 3,868 that we just reviewed. So we ended the year with a total fund balance of 3,000,006 eight, and 9 166.

Speaker 11 ([00:24:21](#)):

If you will turn to the third page is the actual versus budget in finance committee. We did do a line by line analysis, um, but just in, in summary, um, we had total revenue of 331,215. The budget for the year was 3 8 5 725. So our revenue was short 54,510. Uh, the actual compared to budget, and that was principally because of the, um, you know, prolonged negotiations and all that we had with Advan O and with Myers. We had anticipated having those rents earlier in the year than we actually did with the expenses. We had total expenses of 2 87 189. The budget was 216,700. So we went over in expenses by 70,489. And I, I'll just real quickly go through the, uh, expense items that were, you know, that contributed significantly to that variance. The accounting, uh, fees were over budget by 21,850. That was largely due to, uh, the bru and TUR loan fee of 9,000 was more than we had budgeted at the time.

Speaker 11 ([00:25:39](#)):

Plus, there was an additional payment to Michelle D-S-C-P-A that was, um, approved by the board for the 7,500. So those two, and also the increase from seven 50 to 1500. So the Michelle D-S-C-P-A that, um, all, uh, contributed to that 21,850 overage. The contracted services, we had not budgeted any dollars for that. And we did incur appraisals market analysis, uh, five condos. Various professionals that we, uh, brought in total 27,900 for the year management services was, uh, under budget by 50,000 because we had budgeted that amount, but did not actually incur any of those dollars. Uh, legal was over by 84 27, largely because of the advance fees that we had not anticipated. Utilities were over by 44,000 oh 72, largely because of, uh, arrears that we had to pay for the year 2022 that we paid in 2023. Landscaping was over by 24,395. We had budgeted 10,000 in the initial cleanup that we, uh, incurred with garden doctors was 34,395. So that one, um, that one invoice brought us over budget by that amount. So for the year, we had budgeted that we would have a surplus of 1 69 0 25. We ended the year with a surplus of 44,000, oh 25. So we were 125,000 even just under, uh, the amount of surplus that we had anticipated. So the good news is we were still in the black, we had a surplus. It wasn't a deficit. This wasn't quite as large as we had anticipated, but a surplus nonetheless.

Speaker 11 ([00:27:35](#)):

The next page, um, we can really skip. This is just a summary of the entire year and if, if there's nothing additive here, it's just a recap of the entire year. And then we'll go to the fourth page. The budget worksheet. Um, the finance committee I think did a great job today of, of going through and establishing a budget, which I will present now for this board to adopt is its official budget for the year. The rent 400 will be \$410,000. That is based on the new rent figures for Myers in advance for the year interest income of \$500. Utilities reimbursement of 72,000 is what we calculated. We will, uh, what we've estimated we will receive from the tenants as utilities reimbursement and miscellaneous income of 1800, which is, uh, largely the \$150 per month, uh, entirely. The \$150 per month that we receive, uh, from the summas matter, total revenue of 4 84 300, the expenses will be as follows. Insurance, 80,000. We thought it was necessary to bump it up just a little bit from last year, anticipating an increase accounting and review based on the current monthly CPA charge Plus, uh, assuming that Bruno and TUR on, uh, will be at the 9,000. Again, this total of 27,000 contracted services of 30,000. That's, uh, 30,000 is the number that the finance committee thought was a fair allowance for any, uh, contracted services that, uh, we should incur. Can

Speaker 9 ([00:29:23](#)):

I make a point

Speaker 11 ([00:29:24](#)):

There? Sure. Absolutely. To make sure

Speaker 9 ([00:29:25](#)):

As we're going. So contracted services would consider architect engineering any of those types of services for the building moving forward. So there'll be some other services you'll hear. I just wanna put that category, sorry.

Speaker 11 ([00:29:39](#)):

That's okay. Telephone \$100. We are, uh, going to get this telephone back on and we're budgeting a hundred dollars per month for that repairs of 50,000, which would, uh, contemplate expense is, uh, repairs for plumbing, the roof and a gate in installation. Um, the plumbing in the roof, both. Um, these are just for repairs. This does not contemplate, you know, the major roof replacement obviously that we know,

you know, we may be facing soon. Um, so this is a repair amount that allowance that we are budgeting. I'm sorry, how much is that again? 50,000. 50 for plumbing roof and installing a gate.

Speaker 10 ([00:30:24](#)):

The gate. Where would the gate be installed?

Speaker 11 ([00:30:27](#)):

I'm sorry?

Speaker 10 ([00:30:27](#)):

Where would the gate be installing?

Speaker 11 ([00:30:29](#)):

When, where

Speaker 4 ([00:30:30](#)):

To prevent people where from driving onto the property. So at the entrance of the property because people have been driving onto the property and using it for whatever they call it, some kind of racing that they're doing where they go around in a circle. Locations,

Speaker 9 ([00:30:44](#)):

Entrances.

Speaker 10 ([00:30:45](#)):

Okay. So

Speaker 9 ([00:30:47](#)):

Meyer's side. And because you can get into Mm-Hmm. <affirmative> each side. Eventually we're gonna have to work something out to where, with Myers, with their trucks coming in. 'cause they're coming in that side.

Speaker 4 ([00:31:00](#)):

Yeah. They'll just have to lock the gate, you know, it'll be open during business hours, but they'll have to lock their, the gates after they, when they're, you know,

Speaker 10 ([00:31:08](#)):

We could talk about it further, but they'll probably be best to have one right there at the, uh, entry into the parking lot. And then maybe one at the other entrance to the parking lot. And does not worry about that stress that's going between my to from to to Myers, because that's just, that's a dirt road. Nobody's gonna do anything on that. But they'll keep him off the parking

Speaker 4 ([00:31:24](#)):

Off of the Aspen? No, the idea was at the entrance to the property on each entrance to the property.

Speaker 10 ([00:31:31](#)):

Right. But I'm saying if we have it at the entrance of to the property, I don't see that serving a point, uh, purpose at that location, but have it at both entrances to the parking lot.

Speaker 4 ([00:31:42](#)):

They're coming you

Speaker 8 ([00:31:43](#)):

Talking about right in front the building? Yes. So that, that,

Speaker 10 ([00:31:46](#)):

That, so when Myers passes street, that Myers comes on. I don't think anyone right

Speaker 4 ([00:31:50](#)):

There. Yeah, no, they're not talking about that. They're talking

Speaker 8 ([00:31:52](#)):

About is that the, the little youngsters or whatever they getting in and going

Speaker 10 ([00:31:57](#)):

There. Oh, they're doing right there.

Speaker 1 ([00:31:59](#)):

So, so comm commissioners, let me, let me, let me jump in for just a second. Right, right now we're just going through the budget aspect of everything. Um, nothing in terms of construction. This, this is not approving any of that. And that would actually chairman float through probably your committee before it even happens. So, um, so, so we don't have to debate the merits of it right now. 'cause it, this is just putting line items into place. It will not, um, it's not approv of me, if that makes sense. Yep. Alright.

Speaker 11 ([00:32:33](#)):

Okay. Um, administrative services of \$50,000, which would be for the person who will serve as the, um, admin stenographer for, uh, meeting minutes. 50,000 a security guard. I'm sorry. Yeah.

Speaker 9 ([00:32:48](#)):

Can I just say absolutely. We're changing the name of that line item from management service to administrative services, correct?

Speaker 11 ([00:32:58](#)):

Yes. That's what was decided. This is for the person who would Mm-Hmm. <affirmative> again minutes, um, in any office, you know, posting notices, et cetera.

Speaker 9 ([00:33:12](#)):

And how much is that?

Speaker 11 ([00:33:13](#)):

I'm sorry. How much is that? 50,000, roughly 4,000 a month. Security guard of 50,000. Um, it was, uh, brought to our attention that we will need to employ a live security guard at the premises. 50,000 landscaping. 45,000. Who, who,

Speaker 1 ([00:33:36](#)):

Who, who said that? This is my first time hearing

Speaker 9 ([00:33:39](#)):

It. So we just put security as a just line item as either having it in there. One, if the tenants do come eventually and say we need someone out there, nobody's made any, um, ask to the board for that. We just wanted, since there has been security issues, the security was just a line item that we wanted to add. Whether that is for physical presence on the property or if it is a repair of a gate, it can fall under the security line item. Either way. Um, we just thought that there needed to be a buffer for some security measures, whatever that might be. Okay. Uh, for the board.

Speaker 1 ([00:34:23](#)):

Alright, thank you.

Speaker 11 ([00:34:25](#)):

Landscaping 45,000 pest control. 2000 website hosting \$1,020 legal. 30,000 utilities of 80,000. And just to point out of that 80,000, we budgeted 72,000 as a utilities reimbursement and revenue. So the net, uh, utilities expense to N-O-R-B-P would be only 8,000 per the year and miscellaneous of 5,000. So the total expenses are 4 51 2 20, leaving a surplus of 33,000. Oh 80.

Speaker 1 ([00:35:08](#)):

So I, I have a couple questions. Um, I I, I think 50,000 was budgeted for repair. Um, but we just approved the \$250,000 repair. So how does that factor into the budget? Because that's automatically gonna blow up this budget and show us in a negative situation. So a should we, should we factor that in? Um, or how do we deal with that

Speaker 11 ([00:35:36](#)):

And we

Speaker 9 ([00:35:38](#)):

Should that be categorized as a capital investment to, I know it still affect the budget, but should we have a capital outlay added to the budget for the year? Like a lot, like a separate?

Speaker 11 ([00:35:49](#)):

So, so this would be, um, this could, uh, what we just reviewed could serve as the operating budget. We could actually have a separate capital budget, which would, since we don't have any anticipated funds coming in for the capital, um, you know, capital purposes, it would just be those major expenses. That would be an option. I wouldn't, uh, the, uh, capital outlet, you know, 250,000 should not be in the operating budget that we're contemplating here. But we can certainly have that as a separate capital budget.

Speaker 1 ([00:36:27](#)):

Okay. And let me, let me just put on the record, I know this is not proven. Um, this is not approving anything. But guys, I think y'all know I'm the fairest person in the world in compensating people for, um, work. There is no way in hell I will allow a administrative assistant to be paid \$4,000 a month to take minutes and, and, and, and post notices. So we better have a great explanation of what that person is gonna do for \$4,000 a month. I would resign from this job and apply for it myself. 4,000 a month saying the

Speaker 9 ([00:37:01](#)):

Same thing. I'm

Speaker 1 ([00:37:01](#)):

Saying the same thing. <laugh>. So, you know, we, we really, I, I'm fine if we want to, we want to budget for, for in case we get somebody bigger, but we ain't paying nobody \$4,000 to That was,

Speaker 9 ([00:37:14](#)):

That was my question. This is just a part-time. Let me, let me address that. Yeah, we added 50,000, 4,000. We're not paying someone, we still will have to do an RFP. We will still have to come up with a right number that the board will vote on administrative services. We wanted to keep it broad because last year, if you recall, we occurred a lot of contractual expenses, services that, you know, could have fell under management services. It could have fell, fallen under anything. I just don't want to get to a point where we get, say in July or somewhere and we are experiencing, we need somebody to do this marketing for us. Now that we're starting to get into certain things to make us become a better operational board and have a better external facing figure, we need to think through what those administrative costs might be, uh, of, of some of, um, say a marketing side of the house as well. If that's what we want to go down. Um, I know in the past we have a marketing committee that we've talked about. So we've put those in there. Um, the 50 now don't correct me, I I agree that we're not gonna pay four a thousand a month for taking notes and stuff, but this encompasses also external, uh, other operational marketing that if we wanted to go down that route,

Speaker 1 ([00:38:40](#)):

That's fine. I just wanna control expectations because I don't want anybody running outta here calling the auntie and they friends saying that, saying that a \$4 month gig is about to come online.

Speaker 4 ([00:38:53](#)):

Ms. Bennett says she was about to leave Ms. Newell and, uh, come and apply

Speaker 11 ([00:38:58](#)):

<laugh>.

Speaker 1 ([00:38:59](#)):

And then let me, let me ask about the, um,

Speaker 11 ([00:39:03](#)):

Uh, should, should we reduce, just so there's clarity in the budget, should we, should we reduce that 50 for that position and maybe have a separate amount to address the other services that he contemplated?

Speaker 1 ([00:39:16](#)):

I'm, I'm fine with keeping it there. I just wanted to make sure it was clear for the, for the board's perspective. Um, and, and look, I mean I am, um, I'm, I'm fine with, with, with leaving a line item for telephone in, in the budget. I, I, I'm just very skeptical in 2024 why our operation needs a a landline telephone. Um,

Speaker 2 ([00:39:41](#)):

Is that a landline or for a sale line?

Speaker 11 ([00:39:44](#)):

Landline 100 a month.

Speaker 2 ([00:39:46](#)):

A landline. Okay. I don't understand. Probably

Speaker 8 ([00:39:49](#)):

If we do have

Speaker 2 ([00:39:50](#)):

An administrative person, maybe a cell

Speaker 1 ([00:39:53](#)):

Line, but even if we had an administrative person, there's just no volume of calls that, in my opinion, that would justify us giving a cell phone. Mm-Hmm, <affirmative> that that person is not on the phone a lot. Well, we don't even know

Speaker 8 ([00:40:05](#)):

We're missing any calls. Have we missing, I think we do need him, but we do have, there is such a thing as a wireless home phone that can be done. But I think, I think we need to start acting like we want to fill the building and get things

Speaker 11 ([00:40:24](#)):

Going.

Speaker 1 ([00:40:24](#)):

Well, there, there, there's, there's, there's email services and things that can accomplish that. But like I said, we're gonna leave it in, but we're gonna explore making sure that we're maximizing the, the cost. Any other questions from the board on the budget? Alright, uh,

Speaker 11 ([00:40:44](#)):

Just, just one small, uh, that, that came to mind. The, are we contemplating having, uh, a gate installed and still have a security guard? Would it be both? Just the gate? Just the gate. Just the gate.

Speaker 9 ([00:40:58](#)):

Just the gate. That's why a security, I think we keep it just brawled that way a gate can fall under security.

Speaker 4 ([00:41:05](#)):

And it's my understanding that Ivano intends to continue with, they, their live security guard there. Who, who, who reaches out to me now when something goes strange. So we kind of have a live security guard there.

Speaker 11 ([00:41:18](#)):

So do we need that 50,000 is, and I'm sorry 'cause I, I I thought we maybe veted this in finance, but 50,000 for the security guard should remain.

Speaker 9 ([00:41:29](#)):

I think it's just not guard. We're keeping it as measures. Okay. Right. Okay. So it's like it can be the gate that way we're not eating up. Okay. Say if we come back, the roof is later a lot or the plumbing is a lot bigger later down the road, security of a gate, the gate can fall under security. Okay. Since it, it's a security measure of the property.

Speaker 3 ([00:41:54](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:41:56](#)):

Alright. Um, is there any, uh, are there any other questions or comments from members of the board regarding the budget? All right. If not, um, thank you Ms. Diaz. Um, this budget will lie over until February and we will, um, that will give the board a month to review it and chime in and we will, uh, put this for approval in February. Um, will you be able to send out the um, yes. The budget in

Speaker 11 ([00:42:26](#)):

Writing? Yes. I'll send this out. Yep. Thank you.

Speaker 1 ([00:42:29](#)):

All right.

Speaker 11 ([00:42:31](#)):

Um, I'll move into the invoices.

Speaker 11 ([00:42:36](#)):

Perplex for \$25. Entergy. So with Entergy and Storage Water Board very quickly, um, both of those bills gen, uh, generally are generated at the very beginning of the month, around the third to the sixth. And then they become due by the end of the month. So in those instances where our meeting is not, you know, around the 25th, 24th, which is, we were fortunate we were able to meet those due dates because the meeting pretty much aligned with the due date for the bills. In December, we had the meeting on the first, the bill. These bills weren't generated until around the fifth. So we just have them at the time that they were due by the end of the month. And now we're at the end of January. So, um, all that to say we, every month we have a very compressed timeframe to pay these utility bills without incurring a late fee.

Speaker 11 ([00:43:33](#)):

And then with the Sewage and Water Board, we are on that installment plan. So it is particularly important that those payments are made so that they don't cancel that installment agreement that we set up with them, you know, a few months ago. So the, uh, entity for the two months, December and January,

the total is 8,000 4 0 1 38 Sewage and Water Board for those two months, for December and January is 5,000 560 23. So those numbers are, are very consistent with what we've had, you know, the last several months. It's just that we are paying now two months instead of one for December and January. Michelle Diaz CPA for \$1,500, accounting for the month of December and five times invoice 1,250 and Council Ozan a total of 32 40. And those are all of the invoices that were presented. If we can have a motion to,

Speaker 1 ([00:44:47](#)):

Are there any questions on the uh, commissioner Wallace? Alright.

Speaker 7 ([00:44:52](#)):

Those reoccurring bills, energy bills, the wall bill, we have to approve those every month. You saying?

Speaker 11 ([00:44:57](#)):

Well, that's something that finance committee discussed. I'll let Chair Tatum.

Speaker 1 ([00:45:01](#)):

So that's gonna be a separate right line. So yeah, we gonna get to that. Next,

Speaker 11 ([00:45:06](#)):

This is just, uh, approving the invoices as, as they are presented.

Speaker 1 ([00:45:10](#)):

What's the last invoice you stated?

Speaker 11 ([00:45:13](#)):

Councilor Ozan for 3002 40.

Speaker 1 ([00:45:16](#)):

Okay, because I only see 12.

Speaker 9 ([00:45:19](#)):

That

Speaker 11 ([00:45:19](#)):

One, one? No, that, that 1250 that you're looking at was for Fcon, um, councilor Ozan. Oh, okay. Sent her invoice. I'm sorry, by email so it wasn't printed. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([00:45:30](#)):

Alright. Okay. Alright. Are there any questions for members of the commission? If not, I will entertain a motion if

Speaker 9 ([00:45:44](#)):

Second

Speaker 1 ([00:45:46](#)):

Moved by Commissioner Han second. Second by Commissioner Tatum. Madam Secretary, I'm gonna ask that you call the role

Speaker 2 ([00:45:55](#)):
Commissioner Wallace?

Speaker 9 ([00:45:56](#)):
Yes.

Speaker 2 ([00:45:57](#)):
Commissioner Tatum? Yes. Commissioner <inaudible>? Yes. Commissioner Foreman.

Speaker 8 ([00:46:02](#)):
Now what is this for? What are we voting for?

Speaker 1 ([00:46:05](#)):
Payment of the invoices. Okay,

Speaker 8 ([00:46:09](#)):
Well I said no in the committee meeting because I'm concerned that Garden Docks has not been paid and they've submitted, um, invoices and they've not been paid since August. And that was the first thing. So I'm gonna abstain.

Speaker 2 ([00:46:31](#)):
Commissioner <inaudible>? Yes. Commissioner Jefferson? Yes. Commissioner Bennett? Yes.

Speaker 11 ([00:46:40](#)):
Chair person Hughes?

Speaker 1 ([00:46:41](#)):
Yes. Okay. Uh, seven yays, one abstention and the invoices are approved. Next item.

Speaker 9 ([00:46:49](#)):
So the next two items on here, we, we kind of dis uh, discussed in the uh, 2024 budget, but the recommend budget for person to reduce verbatim transcripts to minutes. So we do have in the 2024 budget that line item a 50,000 for admin. But that is not just for transcripts.

Speaker 11 ([00:47:10](#)):
And I think you wanted to put on an RFP, you want an authorization to put on an

Speaker 9 ([00:47:14](#)):
RFP. Correct. So what we've discussed and a bit is to recommend to the board to draft an RFP, uh, that we would post, uh, to with a recommended rate, uh, within budget limits of market rate for transcript and admin services. Um, and recommend that they go through an RFP process. Um,

Speaker 1 ([00:47:39](#)):

So, so for clarity, this, this is for this person to transcribe the minutes from last

Speaker 9 ([00:47:46](#)):

Year, transcribe the minutes from last year, in addition to add continued admin ones services for 2024. So that would be a piece of their

Speaker 1 ([00:47:56](#)):

Administrative. So that administrative person that we talked about, this will possibly be the same person.

Speaker 9 ([00:48:03](#)):

I mean, I think we want to be the same person if we're gonna bring someone on, they do 2023 and continue to 2024.

Speaker 1 ([00:48:14](#)):

Sorry. Let, let me, let me just make sure I'm understanding. Will this be a, so to transcribe the 20, 23 minutes, will that be a flat rate or will that be an hourly rate? It

Speaker 9 ([00:48:26](#)):

Probably be an hour. We'd have to do hourly rate just to do the

Speaker 1 ([00:48:29](#)):

Law. So see that, that's why I'm a little confused. 'cause I think that we're potentially looking for two very different skill sets and push back if I'm wrong. Um, but I think that, you know, the person to, to transcribe those minutes could be a court reporter, could be somebody that could do that very expeditiously and they may charge an hour hourly rate. Okay. Whereas the administrative person that we're looking for is that, you know, person we're looking to answer the phone, respond to the emails, post the notices. I guess they'll take the minutes moving forward, but they wouldn't be necessarily transcribing anything 'cause they'll be taking 'em in real time. Right. So I would just, yeah, I think we're looking probably for two different skill sets, but please commissioner, chime in, push back if

Speaker 8 ([00:49:15](#)):

No, absolutely. That's exactly what it is. It, it, we talked about two different, we've been talking about that administrative forever and a date. So, um, but we, what we suggested, like, so that you, um, commissioner Bennett, uh, get a stenographer to handle that and also if we don't have somebody, an administrator in place have Heather's stenographer sitting here at our meetings to take minutes, but putting that administrative person in place, that person will be the one taking the minutes.

Speaker 1 ([00:49:51](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 9 ([00:49:53](#)):

So does it,

Speaker 11 ([00:49:54](#)):

So is it two separate RFPs? One, one for to do the past, um, reducing the, those, um, recordings to minutes and then the person that handles 2024 going forward?

Speaker 9 ([00:50:08](#)):

That's what I think here too. Yeah. So I was just trying to get it all one bang for one buck to get, to get one person under one RRP. But that makes sense to do to to,

Speaker 1 ([00:50:26](#)):

Yeah, I mean look, if administrative person that we find is gonna be willing to, you know, do the transcriptions at a, at a flat rate as part of their yearly contract, then then that's one thing. But I wouldn't want to give them a, a 2024 monthly contract and then give them a separate hourly rate. I just think that kind of gets that makes

Speaker 9 ([00:50:49](#)):

Sense.

Speaker 3 ([00:50:50](#)):

Makes sense.

Speaker 9 ([00:50:51](#)):

So would it, to revise the recommendation, recommend two two RFPs. One for transcribed of 2023 mm-Hmm. <affirmative>, uh, uh, recordings and then also 2024 administrative services moving forward. That way we can, because honestly to the 2023 we will need those minutes before Mm-Hmm. <affirmative> this time for right audit. So that's almost an emergency fees that we need to, okay. So recommendation on that piece for E six E or seven E recommending to the board or to create A-A-R-F-P one for try transcribing services for 2023 and admin services for 2024, which includes transcript services within that for 2024.

Speaker 1 ([00:51:45](#)):

Alright. Is that a motion?

Speaker 3 ([00:51:48](#)):

So moved.

Speaker 1 ([00:51:52](#)):

Second. Second. Alright. Uh, is there any objection to that motion without objection? That motion is approved. Uh, next spot.

Speaker 9 ([00:52:03](#)):

Uh, last one here is security measures. Um, this will be purely pertaining to the security gate, um, conversation. Um, I don't know if there's a recommendation right now, but I do think we should move on some gate. I know property committee that will need to probably do that if the property. So with that, I just think it's more consideration now that we have a budget for security measures that it be sent to property to consider, um, some measures of a gate that can be installed now that there is budget,

Speaker 3 ([00:52:47](#)):

Um,

Speaker 9 ([00:52:48](#)):

Within

Speaker 1 ([00:52:48](#)):

There. Alright. Uh, commissioner Paul.

Speaker 8 ([00:52:51](#)):

Um, also in our meeting, the reason why security came up was because we were told that they're getting in there and doing burnouts and, um, without the gates they'll be able to get in. And my my concern is even with the gates, will they be able to go around the gate to get in there and do the burnouts? So that's what we were concerned about with, uh, a security presence.

Speaker 4 ([00:53:19](#)):

Although I must say with the topography out there with your deep ditches, it would be very hard to get around gate.

Speaker 11 ([00:53:26](#)):

Trust me.

Speaker 1 ([00:53:27](#)):

Alright, so, um, commissioners, just so you all know, as as just part of my own tightening up and making sure we're operating with the utmost efficiency in, um, in this year, I'm, I'm really gonna be leaning on our committee structure and our committee process. And so I think the, the proper way to do this from my perspective is this item needs to go through property, property can make the recommendation to finance. And I think by the time we reconvene for our February meeting, we can tie a bow on this and, and, and move forward if that works for everybody. Alright. So I would, um, remand this item to the property committee, um, uh, to get to work and, um, perhaps the finance and property committees might want to be joint, but I'll let them work that out. Were you gonna be making a recommendation about in, um, reoccurring

Speaker 11 ([00:54:21](#)):

The utilities, the utilities,

Speaker 9 ([00:54:22](#)):

Utilities? Well, you, you kind of brought it up at the beginning, chairman on, on kind of how we want to do the invoicing. So, okay. I, we've discussed at finance and about giving Michelle a recommendation to the board to give Michelle authority to pay utility invoices each month. So one, we don't occur a late fee that we've seen. And then two, just to be able to stay in good standing now that we have the obligation with the sewage and water board or, or lined up, um, you know, serve, uh, payment plan with them so we don't lose that in good faith with them. So the recommendation was to give Michelle, uh, the authority to pay monthly utility.

Speaker 11 ([00:55:01](#)):

Um, particularly if we are going to meet now every other month, um, then it's then that we definitely have to have a, a measure in place for the utility bill to be paid monthly. 'cause it'll just incur a month, a late fee every month if it's only being paid every other month. Mm-Hmm. <affirmative> plus risk, having that installment agreement canceled for not making the payments.

Speaker 1 ([00:55:24](#)):

Yeah. So, so, so what I'd like to do, uh, chairman Tatum is, uh, you, me and, and the vice chair and, uh, we can get together. I want to, I want to, uh, commit in 2024 to putting as much in writing that we present to the board. Um, and I take full responsibility for this, but last year, uh, we just sprung far too much on the board at a board meeting with very little vetting and people just didn't have the opportunity to, to really understand what was going on. And I, I don't want people making decisions on a win moving forward, but I do think since we are gonna meet in February, we have time to get that authority in place. But I think we're all on the same page on how we want move forward with that. So, we'll, we'll have that, uh, done for February. Uh, commissioner <inaudible>.

Speaker 11 ([00:56:08](#)):

Oh,

Speaker 1 ([00:56:09](#)):

Sorry. Oh, sorry. Thank you. Alright. Um,

Speaker 11 ([00:56:13](#)):

Just, just one very last matter. Um, Bruno and Turon, uh, sent this questionnaire to me that they inadvertently, uh, forgot to have N-O-R-B-P to complete for the 2022 audit that they, uh, conducted. And so, uh, the finance committee is recommending that since they were not board members for 2022, they didn't feel that they were in a position to answer the questions. So they've assigned this to, uh, Hughes and Plumber who were board members for 2022. So the three of us will just need to coordinate completing, uh, this questionnaire to get it back to them again because it pertains to 2022.

Speaker 1 ([00:56:58](#)):

Okay. All right. Um, I think that wraps up the, uh, finance committee. Uh, thank you all, uh, legal report.

Speaker 4 ([00:57:12](#)):

Yeah, it's real simple. Meyers, where Fros Lease, thank goodness has been, um, finalized and, um, executed. So, uh, that's all good. Uh, thank you so much, chairman for putting a little bit of the pressure on and making sure it was done. Um, Myers made sure that they got it done before the first, so they start paying their, they started paying their upgraded rent on the first, um, advo. The only thing that we have outstanding still is their amendment that needs to be signed. I have, I did draft it and sent it to, um, Mike, um, Sherman, and I sent it to him again on December 1st, or realized that he hadn't gotten back to me. So I texted him last night and sent it to him again. I think he's at Washington Mardi Gras. So he said, you know, he was sorry, he forgot, but he would definitely hop right on it.

Speaker 4 ([00:58:05](#)):

That is the amendment that lets them install a submeter for the electrical monitoring. But it also confirms in there that they are going to pay not only for whatever is metered on that, on that submeter, but that they are going to take over the cost of that, uh, that, that, uh, we have something called a demand meter and they, they have a multiplier assigned to it. That's why our electric bill is always so high, even though it

was only like two lights on. So they're going to pay that surplus because one of my suggestions have been to just decommission that meter and get our in and rewire for something smaller. And they said, no, we need that meter in order to work because we are going to be using a lot of electricity. And one of the reasons we wanted your bill is because we, you have that kind of meter and most people don't have it. So since they want it, they agree that they will pay that surplus and then we will just have to figure out our bill minus that surplus. So they're gonna play the surplus for the whole bill that's in the amendment. So I'm just waiting for them to sign it and I'll certainly let y'all know as soon as it gets signed. And that's it.

Speaker 11 ([00:59:17](#)):

It's been a long

Speaker 4 ([00:59:18](#)):

Road. Yes, it has.

Speaker 1 ([00:59:20](#)):

Um, thank you. Yes it has. Thank you Madam Council and, and thank you for, uh, your partnership and, and getting these leases. Um, done. Uh, we did have a great conversation with, um, uh, the Myers, uh, team and think we'll have a continued long standing relationship moving forward. Um, is there any further business that needs to come before the board chairman table? Just

Speaker 9 ([00:59:43](#)):

To add, I think everybody, um, might receive the invite from io, um, for their event that they are hosting on Tuesday. It's coming up week. Um, so for, it is moving forward of a, of a ribbon cutting to showcase their event and get their new CEO to the facility. I didn't get that if you didn't check your spam 'cause it was in my spam. Um, I I got it from you. I think you sent it. Yeah, I sent, I sent it out just to make sure because it was

Speaker 4 ([01:00:16](#)):

When you sent Yeah, I didn't receive it directly either. I got it from you. When did you send it? I

Speaker 9 ([01:00:20](#)):

Got it from you. Um, it was last, uh, last night. No, Wednesday of this week. Wednesday. I'll report it right now to everybody, but please, I think they definitely, um, want everybody there if you can attend, um, and, and be there, uh, to represent, uh, their very and what time is it? 10 o'clock on Tuesday in the morning. Um, they will have, uh, the mayor will be in attendance as well as, uh, councilman, um, Thomas and chairman. He's up. Believe you'll,

Speaker 1 ([01:00:51](#)):

Um, yeah, I have to be in Baton Rouge for 1130. So I'm gonna get with the vice chair and you in between one of you. I'm gonna ask that one of you represent the business park loan program.

Speaker 9 ([01:01:01](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 12 ([01:01:02](#)):

Information looked like they sent out the, um, original invitation January 18th. It was about spam,

Speaker 9 ([01:01:08](#)):

But

Speaker 4 ([01:01:08](#)):

Oh wow. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([01:01:10](#)):

Know they intended to send it to the entire board. So isn't that they, they, they would like as many board members as possible do

Speaker 9 ([01:01:16](#)):

And I sent everybody's

Speaker 4 ([01:01:17](#)):

Who did it come from? Just curious.

Speaker 1 ([01:01:19](#)):

It was like one of those, um, paper

Speaker 4 ([01:01:22](#)):

Paperless Oh, post things. Okay.

Speaker 9 ([01:01:25](#)):

So I almost, I'm gonna resend the things, so the actual invitations, because it probably got lost in a lot of firewalls, but I also gave them everybody's appointing, uh, authority, uh, individual. So if they probably also won't get it because of firewalls, but I'll forward you if you could also send to your, um, the mayor definitely has it on, on her calendar. But if on your appointing, uh, one question on behalf of, um, commissioner <inaudible> serving refresh, think better. <laugh>,

Speaker 4 ([01:02:04](#)):

I know don't have water.

Speaker 1 ([01:02:13](#)):

Is that a hint to have refreshments at the February 4th?

Speaker 4 ([01:02:17](#)):

<laugh>? You said we couldn't

Speaker 1 ([01:02:18](#)):

Have them. We, I, I might make an exception since that's Valentine's one. <laugh>, we'll see. Maybe I'll be in a good mood. <laugh> uh, chairman Tatum, thank you for, um, your work and, and being a great liaison, um, between our board and the economic development community. We definitely appreciate it. Um, final announcement, um, members, uh, May 15th, 2024. Please put that date on your calendar. Each of you are obligated under law, um, to file a financial disclosure for the calendar year 2023. Um, each of you served at some point on this board in 2023. Uh, I will send you all the form. Um, ethics has been

ramping up their enforcement of, um, mis financial disclosures and they, uh, can, uh, fine you and if you don't pay those fines, it goes to the Attorney General or, um, they will dock your taxes. So just be mindful of that. Very, very simple due date. A lot of times they're not accurate. Um, due date is May 15th, 2024 and I will send everybody the form and, um, the instructions on how to complete that

Speaker 13 ([01:03:30](#)):

And not accurate all the time.

Speaker 1 ([01:03:33](#)):

Alright. All right. Um, if there's no further business, any further business, if not, commissioner Wallace moves that we adjourn. Second by, uh, commissioner Jefferson, we stand adjourned. Thank you all, all.