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

Alright. Alright, go ahead.

Speaker 2 ([00:02](#)):

It's four members on the finance, so do we need

Speaker 1 ([00:04](#)):

It? Are there four members on the finance?

Speaker 2 ([00:06](#)):

Yes, four. Because Han is

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

Not here. Oh gosh. Okay. So we do need her to start. We're going to start roll call Alrightyy. It is Thursday, April 27th. This is the finance committee of the O R B P. It is now 5:57 PM roll called Jason Hughes. Who is ex officio absent. He's in Baton Rouge. Commissioner Tatum here. Okay. Commissioner Plummer here. And Commissioner Jones here. Alrighty. And Commissioner Olaf. We know it's absent. Alrighty. I don't see any guests, although I will note that our C P A is here and I'm here. Alrighty. Okay. Review and approval of your agenda. Okay. Jones and Tatum. Alrighty, great. Your fifth one is review of submitted outstanding invoices.

Speaker 2 ([01:06](#)):

I only have two invoices to present for this month, which I emailed just this afternoon. One is to Perplex technology, our website hosting provider for \$130 and my monthly Michelle Diaz c p a monthly fee of 750. Those are the only invoices that I've received and am requesting approval to pay

Speaker 3 ([01:33](#)):

The motion to recommend to the board.

Speaker 2 ([01:38](#)):

I'm sorry, I do want to just mention real quickly with Perplex. As you may recall, our standard fee is only \$25 per month, but there were some surcharges because we asked him to post the agenda mainly because we had to post the agenda. So I just want to make sure that we are aware that those are extra services that we have to

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

Provide. And I do want to say that he has suggested because I did, well I guess first let me let you guys, commissioner Tatum moved on that is that seconded by you plumber? Wait, wait, wait. I'm confused. The approval of Perplex for one 30 and payment of Perplex for a recommendation for payment perplex of one 30 and Ms. Diaz of seven 50. I'd like

Speaker 3 ([02:25](#)):

To remove that motion

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Speaker 1 ([02:27](#)):

Just to talk. You want to remove a discussion right fast about the

Speaker 3 ([02:30](#)):

Perplex.

Speaker 1 ([02:31](#)):

Okay. And I want to also say that Perplex has just sent me, he copied you also yesterday a proposal on I guess building our website better and doing more. And I haven't had a chance to review that or send that to you all yet cause I just got it yesterday evening. But go ahead, commissioner Plum plum.

Speaker 2 ([02:54](#)):

But y'all said how much?

Speaker 1 ([02:56](#)):

She said 130,

Speaker 2 ([02:58](#)):

200. Yeah, so that financial statement was the month of March.

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

I don't think I have it. Do I have it? Oh, you gave it to me,

Speaker 2 ([03:05](#)):

Sorry. Yeah, so in March he charged us 200 because is that because we were behind? We hadn't paid him in quite a while.

Speaker 4 ([03:16](#)):

I thought we caught that up already

Speaker 3 ([03:18](#)):

For March.

Speaker 2 ([03:20](#)):

Maybe he charged for posting because that was,

Speaker 1 ([03:24](#)):

I didn't know that he would charge for posting and he charges so much.

Speaker 4 ([03:28](#)):

How about this? I was about to get to what is the \$25 a month,

Speaker 2 ([03:32](#)):

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Right? So this is,

Speaker 4 ([03:33](#)):

What does that cover? So

Speaker 2 ([03:34](#)):

This is the current month's invoice, the 130, which again, I did email, but

Speaker 1 ([03:42](#)):

Excuse me.

Speaker 2 ([03:43](#)):

He charges \$60 per hour. So there are 15 minute billings. 30 minute billings. But it's \$60 per hour is the hourly rate every time we,

Speaker 1 ([03:56](#)):

But why is it so hard for him to post something? I mean, I don't know. You post to Facebook and it's a matter of seconds, right? I mailed things to you all and it's a matter of one minute. I don't understand why it would be so much and now I'm not tech savvy. Maybe people, wait, commissioner Tatum are more than, I don't know.

Speaker 3 ([04:20](#)):

I think that back in the 200, back in March there was two. So there was two checks. One for 1 90, 1 45 and the 200 for Perplex back in last month, the check. So I think that was to cover February, January and months as well. The hosting as well as some of the outstanding bills from when the

Speaker 4 ([04:50](#)):

Are we caught up is outstanding.

Speaker 3 ([04:52](#)):

We did, I think last month because I think on here what Ms. Diaz had provided, there's two checks for perplex, one is for 200 and the other one was for 1 45 from last month that we paid.

Speaker 2 ([05:11](#)):

So he actually has charged us this extra fee for the posting of the agenda. We started doing that in what? February?

Speaker 4 ([05:21](#)):

February? What are we paying the \$25 for?

Speaker 2 ([05:24](#)):

So the \$25 is just his basic for hosting the website. But what

Speaker 4 ([05:28](#)):

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Is he doing except it's just sitting over there on website. So that's \$25. Right.

Speaker 2 ([05:34](#)):

So our website and Maria, you may be able to speak more on it, but our website is hosted by his servers and that's the charge that he

Speaker 1 ([05:44](#)):

Charges, I guess charges.

Speaker 2 ([05:46](#)):

Yeah, because I guess service do cost

Speaker 3 ([05:48](#)):

Money. So

Speaker 2 ([05:49](#)):

That's the fee, the \$25, that's going to be the standard every month. And then we'll have the surcharges for each time we ask him to post an agenda

Speaker 3 ([05:58](#)):

And that's \$60 just to post

Speaker 4 ([06:00](#)):

An agenda,

Speaker 1 ([06:01](#)):

\$60 to post an agenda 60.

Speaker 2 ([06:04](#)):

I just want \$60 is the rate. But he may only charge a quarter of an hour like attorney

Speaker 3 ([06:11](#)):

Quarter. Oh yeah,

Speaker 2 ([06:11](#)):

Sorry. So that would only be 15 minutes. So he charged his \$15. So each agenda has pretty much been 15. Just says, I don't think

Speaker 4 ([06:21](#)):

That's too much

Speaker 2 ([06:21](#)):

Completed update of website. Third, I think it's too much.

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Speaker 1 ([06:26](#)):

Oh, he updated the website. I guess that's what he put the names of the commissioners on it. What did he are the commissioner's names on? It just

Speaker 2 ([06:31](#)):

Says completed update of website with agenda per request for Maria

Speaker 3 ([06:35](#)):

Complet secretary updated meeting

Speaker 4 ([06:37](#)):

\$15 for him to receive the agenda and press send a press post toast

Speaker 5 ([06:44](#)):

A lot of money because it doesn't take that month. No,

Speaker 4 ([06:49](#)):

And I'm not tech savvy at all. I'm not

Speaker 5 ([06:51](#)):

Either. I mean, not to that point, but that is a lot of money.

Speaker 3 ([06:55](#)):

The hosting, I understand. I can understand the hosting, keeping the domain up and

Speaker 1 ([07:02](#)):

He has not updated the board at all. I mean the board says Sharon Cannon, Dwight Barnes, Alicia Plumer, Michael Heck

Speaker 2 ([07:10](#)):

Still the old one.

Speaker 4 ([07:11](#)):

He has never done it.

Speaker 1 ([07:12](#)):

So he hasn't updated the website

Speaker 3 ([07:15](#)):

Up.

Speaker 1 ([07:16](#)):

So I don't know what,

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Speaker 5 ([07:17](#)):

So you paying for the hosting plus him posting an agenda?

Speaker 1 ([07:23](#)):

He hasn't updated the website, but he has not updated the website. So what I guess his answer would be, well I wasn't asked to I guess was what you would say,

Speaker 5 ([07:31](#)):

But you're charging people a lot of money to just post an agenda, which doesn't take but

Speaker 4 ([07:38](#)):

Wait, wait, wait. And you've asked him to have the ability to post the agenda

Speaker 1 ([07:46](#)):

And he said that he sent me the instructions but that it's very complicated and because of the way, whoever he said he did not create the website, whomever created the website, created it in a very difficult way. So although he sent me instructions, he said, I don't think you'll be able to do it because it's, it's not an easy platform.

Speaker 3 ([08:04](#)):

So kind of two things. So on the website now, no agendas have been

Speaker 1 ([08:10](#)):

Uploaded? Oh no, they have have to.

Speaker 3 ([08:12](#)):

So the agendas have been posted.

Speaker 1 ([08:13](#)):

Yes, he's done

Speaker 3 ([08:14](#)):

That. Just all the other updates

Speaker 1 ([08:15](#)):

Haven't. None of the other updates.

Speaker 3 ([08:17](#)):

So kind of two things, the agendas

Speaker 2 ([08:19](#)):

Even for the committee

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Speaker 1 ([08:20](#)):

Meeting. So I guess when he says update the website, he must mean just the update post the agenda. That must be what he means. I'm afraid to ask how much it would cost him to update the website.

Speaker 3 ([08:33](#)):

But the thing that I have, it goes from 15 to 15 minute or a quarter, 15 minutes, which is \$15 to then half an hour to do the same thing above. So to me this is a little questioning of how they're questioning their time to do a simple task. But I think this kind of goes to the later agenda item too that we'll kind of discuss around the management services. When we get a management for the administrative piece of the puzzle that within the c e A or whatever we're requesting that this management piece is also to manage the website so that we don't have to run into questioning of these types of hours and time. So

Speaker 1 ([09:28](#)):

I

Speaker 3 ([09:28](#)):

Think, and I'm just putting this out to the committee, I think we make a recommendation to the board to tell them the circumstances of what's happening and that move forward. But with this move forward with the payment just for now and that moving forward when it comes time to post that it sticks to a 15 minute window. Can't be going from 15 minutes to 30 minutes change. It has to be a set rate that we communicate with per place. Yes.

Speaker 1 ([10:05](#)):

It's hard to justify,

Speaker 3 ([10:06](#)):

Right? Yeah. Hard to justify when you're doing the same ticket per se. It takes 15 minutes to now 30 minutes.

Speaker 1 ([10:16](#)):

Yeah, and I guess maybe his answer, and again I don't want to speak for him, maybe that's what he meant when he says it's complicated. So maybe it takes longer to,

Speaker 3 ([10:31](#)):

Yeah, I've worked on, I'm not buying, I've worked on a website and when you have it up and going, all you have to

Speaker 1 ([10:37](#)):

Do is one would think just

Speaker 3 ([10:38](#)):

Copy and paste whatever you send too. I

Speaker 1 ([10:41](#)):

Mean, yeah,

Speaker 5 ([10:41](#)):

I would think mean if you can host a website then all this other stuff shouldn't be that hard for you

Speaker 1 ([10:47](#)):

To do. Well that's true. It's not like me or you. Right?

Speaker 5 ([10:49](#)):

Right. If a regular person, yeah, that would be a complex issue. But just to, I mean you already have the domain. You already have it in front of you, you need, you can't copy and paste. God darn. I mean I think I can tagging on Facebook. Come on. Thank

Speaker 1 ([11:04](#)):

You. Come on. Well yeah, that's the only kind of posting I do and it takes me about a second. That's what I'm talking about.

Speaker 5 ([11:10](#)):

That doesn't

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

Take long. Once you have the content, you're good.

Speaker 1 ([11:13](#)):

Right, exactly. Take post. Yeah.

Speaker 3 ([11:19](#)):

So maybe a motion or to the committee

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

I second to approve to recommend the payment of Ms. Diaz. But you want to recommend the payment of his or

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

Recommend to the board additional explanation of perplexes scope of work and cost. And cost.

Speaker 1 ([11:49](#)):

Okay. And maybe Ms. Diaz, you can ask him to give you that before we get to the board minute. They want additional information regarding his exact scope of work and his costs, how does he bill? Okay. And that way by the time we get to the meeting, we'll already have that. Okay.

Speaker 4 ([12:08](#)):

I have a question. Have we received your

Speaker 1 ([12:11](#)):

Invoices? No, you have not because

Speaker 4 ([12:14](#)):

I don't want you to break the

Speaker 1 ([12:15](#)):

Bank. Okay. You won't. I promise. But No you haven't. But I got to as soon as I slowed down with all of this.

Speaker 4 ([12:23](#)):

You have never sent the invoice?

Speaker 1 ([12:25](#)):

No, I have not. Since you've been on board. Yeah, I've been just like volunteering. How long has

Speaker 5 ([12:28](#)):

That been? But you've been sitting on invoices.

Speaker 1 ([12:33](#)):

I have to look and see when I started. But although we were dormant for a while,

Speaker 4 ([12:36](#)):

Must be nice.

Speaker 5 ([12:42](#)):

Vacation check. She

Speaker 1 ([12:45](#)):

Going to go. It won't be more than though what we already stated it would be. And I forgotten who. No,

Speaker 4 ([12:52](#)):

You've even added more time since then.

Speaker 2 ([12:56](#)):

I was going to recommend if you could maybe even prioritize getting through 2022. That way we can, because I'll actually have the book that

Speaker 1 ([13:06](#)):

I'll do that. Yeah, we need to do it for this for the, so we can close

Speaker 2 ([13:09](#)):

Out that year.

Speaker 1 ([13:11](#)):

Nice.

Speaker 2 ([13:12](#)):

Legal fees. So at least through 2022.

Speaker 1 ([13:14](#)):

Alrighty. Be good. I will. Thank you. And hopefully

Speaker 5 ([13:18](#)):

She'll get on a monthly thing.

Speaker 1 ([13:20](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([13:22](#)):

Hopeless.

Speaker 1 ([13:22](#)):

Stop.

Speaker 5 ([13:24](#)):

Hopefully

Speaker 4 ([13:25](#)):

I need my like yesterday. How about day before yesterday?

Speaker 1 ([13:30](#)):

Oh my god. Okay. I think

Speaker 3 ([13:35](#)):

Motion for that for the,

Speaker 4 ([13:39](#)):

I need to make a motion.

Speaker 1 ([13:41](#)):

I'll get it. I'll get it. I'll get it done. I mean

Speaker 3 ([13:44](#)):

Misty is saying

Speaker 1 ([13:45](#)):

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And yeah, I got it. I'll get the 22. Well motion for Ms. Diaz and Perplex. I've got that down. You got, that's not recommended yet. You need more information, right? Yeah. Okay. All right. Item four, review of March, 2023 financial statements.

Speaker 2 ([14:04](#)):

So this is the month of March. Just want just emphasize, we are in April now, but this is last month. The cash balance was 8 72 2 94. No change in the other assets giving us total assets of 3 million 731 4 95. The liabilities, no change in that fund balance. 3,000,657. 7 94. The next page is the statement of activities, which is essentially the income statement for the month. We received the 25,275 from Myers and we had the following expenses insurance 68,033. You'll remember that was the large check that we had to dispersed to him for the property and general liability. Michelle Diaz c p a is just that the check for February and the check for March were cut in March. The February check was cut at the very beginning of March and the March check was cut March 31st. So they just happened to both fall in March, but it is seven 50 per month. Three 50 was the payment to Rodney inspection services for the remeasure that was approved. And the \$200 web hosting was the invoice for that month, which would've included the \$25 plus his extra fees for the postings. So we did have a loss for the month because of the large insurance payment of 44,808.

Speaker 6 ([15:47](#)):

Okay.

Speaker 3 ([15:50](#)):

I do have a few questions. For one, when the financial statements, is there a way that we could get these in to the committee as well as the chairman and vice chair woman to just see each month in a spreadsheet? So we can each month go from one to one.

Speaker 2 ([16:15](#)):

So you want one spreadsheet that shows each

Speaker 3 ([16:18](#)):

Month on the bottom, like a tab. That way we can just use all refer to one. So if we need to go back and look just so it helps instead of I can do that. Just curious. No, that's fine. Would that be helpful to No,

Speaker 2 ([16:31](#)):

That's fine. So it'd be one spreadsheet tabs for each month and we'll just keep adding the

Speaker 3 ([16:36](#)):

Tabs. Just like you just have this but in a spreadsheet. Got you. That's okay.

Speaker 2 ([16:41](#)):

Perfectly fine. Can do that.

Speaker 3 ([16:44](#)):

And then the other question was, I believe at the last board meeting we've discussed about the furniture and equipment for the property committee to take that under there just to evaluate and reassess,

Speaker 2 ([16:58](#)):

Right? So you'll recall I think maybe two meetings ago I presented just for historical context, showing where that number came from. It's been on the books for 10 plus years, but as soon as the appropriate professionals can say, well we don't have this, we can update that number, but I can't just make any adjustments to it without having some basis to do so.

Speaker 3 ([17:27](#)):

Right. I was just more curious I guess if the property committee has talked about or talked about or I don't know who would be the professionals, maybe

Speaker 2 ([17:35](#)):

Almost like an appraiser to walk through and enlist what we have and maybe an approximate value to get that number needed

Speaker 3 ([17:45](#)):

And adjust

Speaker 7 ([17:46](#)):

To do that. An insurance adjusted

Speaker 2 ([17:50](#)):

That may be someone with that background may be the right professional,

Speaker 4 ([17:53](#)):

Right. Thinking like fema, you have to tell fema, well I had this, this and this and it's worth this, this and this, or it cost me this, this and this. It was the insurance adjuster that would come in and say, okay, okay, okay.

Speaker 2 ([18:10](#)):

And perhaps one that's more commercial business instead of residential.

Speaker 4 ([18:17](#)):

Yeah, that's my recommendation.

Speaker 5 ([18:21](#)):

Makes sense. You do need to know inside.

Speaker 1 ([18:26](#)):

I know. So you're talking

Speaker 4 ([18:27](#)):

About you'd be surprised we had full fledged, I remember Maria's upset about her dishware and stuff, but when we had full fledged office,

Speaker 1 ([18:39](#)):

It was very nice. No, you did. I don't understand what happened. But it's

Speaker 5 ([18:43](#)):

Not, you don't have that much.

Speaker 1 ([18:45](#)):

Yeah, the thing is who stole

Speaker 4 ([18:47](#)):

It, where is it is?

Speaker 1 ([18:51](#)):

That's the only thing I could say is somebody stole it all

Speaker 4 ([18:53](#)):

And the hurricane didn't

Speaker 1 ([18:54](#)):

Hit here. No, no, I

Speaker 5 ([18:56](#)):

Know it

Speaker 1 ([18:56](#)):

Didn't. No, someone walked you guys, somebody backed you guys. There was an entire and walked thing of dishware. Nice dishware. I'm sorry. But there was, and it's all gone.

Speaker 4 ([19:09](#)):

She's not worried about the conference table. I know what I'm getting you for your birthday.

Speaker 1 ([19:16](#)):

It's all gone

Speaker 4 ([19:18](#)):

In that far room. It's gone. Oh yeah. There's nothing in there.

Speaker 1 ([19:22](#)):

Everything's gone. It was

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Speaker 4 ([19:24](#)):

A long, a long,

Speaker 1 ([19:25](#)):

It was a wonderful,

Speaker 5 ([19:27](#)):

There is a table in there somewhere.

Speaker 1 ([19:29](#)):

I think I but no, but this was a really nice long conference table. I mean

Speaker 4 ([19:34](#)):

A seat at least 20

Speaker 1 ([19:35](#)):

People. Someone clearly stole it.

Speaker 4 ([19:38](#)):

They backed the truck up.

Speaker 1 ([19:39](#)):

They had to have. Wow. And when did this happen? Because when I left and you had that Burbank person with big eyes, she was here and it was all here When I left.

Speaker 4 ([19:52](#)):

It was here. It was here.

Speaker 1 ([19:53](#)):

Everything was here.

Speaker 4 ([19:54](#)):

Right. I mean it

Speaker 2 ([19:56](#)):

Probably happened during the pandemic. Nobody's around. I

Speaker 1 ([19:59](#)):

Think it happened before then. I think it happened before then. The pandemic

Speaker 4 ([20:03](#)):

Was just, we came in on the tail end of the pandemic

Speaker 5 ([20:08](#)):

And it was there.

Speaker 4 ([20:10](#)):

No, no. It was

Speaker 5 ([20:11](#)):

All gone.

Speaker 1 ([20:12](#)):

No. So no, this had to happen under her watch.

Speaker 5 ([20:18](#)):

Somebody had a key

Speaker 4 ([20:19](#)):

Somebody, Mr. Larry's love Nest, his sofa and loves seat and somebody television and all that. Somebody

Speaker 5 ([20:28](#)):

Got an office full of

Speaker 4 ([20:30](#)):

Stuff Now you'd be surprised all the stuff that was in there. It was.

Speaker 1 ([20:33](#)):

And no police had cameras, but I know Well, and no police report was filed and no one was coming to check on it. I mean it's just, when I came back here, I was speechless from what it was when I was coming here every day to work. Is

Speaker 2 ([20:47](#)):

It too late to file a police report?

Speaker 4 ([20:50](#)):

I would think.

Speaker 3 ([20:51](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([20:52](#)):

I would think because we all can't remember what all was in there. We know about that long table. I know about Mr. Larry's stuff. She know about our dishes.

Speaker 3 ([21:01](#)):

The files too. I mean the files.

Speaker 1 ([21:04](#)):

The files. I mean, I don't understand this, I don't understand. There must've been someone who was around. I mean Dwight Barnes works in this area. Dwight Barnes. What does he know about it? They've got to know something about

Speaker 4 ([21:19](#)):

This. He won't talk anyway.

Speaker 1 ([21:21](#)):

Yeah, it's, it's just weird. I've just never seen anything like it. I've never seen anything like it. But anyway, I know you guys don't want to be out here in the dark. So you guys are recommending that they, because this is a thing, the auditor is going to need to know what's in there. So that's going to have to happen pretty soon. So you know more about that. Well the auditor wouldn't they want to come and put eyes on this? I mean, what do they do

Speaker 2 ([21:46](#)):

Typically, because it's just what we refer to as cost basis and it just carries forward from year to year. They'll ask for a schedule, which we don't have and we haven't had any

Speaker 1 ([22:01](#)):

Acquisitions. Well maybe you do need to try to file some kind of a police report. Just saying that they have on record. They have it on record to say when we first entered the building, April, whatever, or whenever we first came here for the tour, when y'all first came, we noticed that the furniture was missing. Just so you have it on record and then they can go from there. Say okay, basically no furniture, no way that what's in there. Computers does not have a value. As a matter of fact it's a cost because you got to pay somebody to throw it away. We already

Speaker 4 ([22:40](#)):

Paid people to

Speaker 1 ([22:42](#)):

Whose

Speaker 2 ([22:43](#)):

Office was right here. Right here in the front.

Speaker 1 ([22:45](#)):

When you first walked to the

Speaker 4 ([22:46](#)):

Left? Yeah, that was Mr. Larry. After he was evicted from his Loveness

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Speaker 1 ([22:50](#)):

Style. Oh then he was there. Okay. Yeah, I didn't know that knew when he was No, that was after me. So maybe we do need to file some kind of a police report just to have a paper report.

Speaker 3 ([23:04](#)):

We would recommend to the board just from that line item that we discussed. Just have

Speaker 2 ([23:09](#)):

Some furniture and equipment is missing

Speaker 3 ([23:11](#)):

And then I

Speaker 4 ([23:12](#)):

Guess we are going to have to be, because for the auditor,

Speaker 1 ([23:15](#)):

That's what I'm thinking. That's what I'm thinking. Okay.

Speaker 2 ([23:21](#)):

Anybody volunteering to take the lead on filing the police report or do we need to bring that to the board first? I think to

Speaker 3 ([23:27](#)):

The board

Speaker 1 ([23:27](#)):

First, then we brings to the board and then we'll figure it out from there. I'm kind of thinking it's probably going to fall on me, but, okay.

Speaker 3 ([23:36](#)):

And then my only other big question just before we move on, is the 44,000 in the red a little, does that affect from us communicating to the board?

Speaker 2 ([23:51](#)):

The cash went down by that much for the month of March because of your big insurance payment? Exactly. The one time. Just the one time. It's paid for the year. Okay. Yeah. So the cash did decrease by 44,808 from February to the end of March.

Speaker 3 ([24:10](#)):

But all in all we're still in. Good. Okay. I recommend motion to recommend this to the board. Second.

Speaker 1 ([24:19](#)):

Alright, great. So that is Plumber and Tatum. Alrighty, I'm Plumber and Jones. Sorry. Alright, next is your discussion of the recommendation closing your existing checking account at Whitney. Reopening a new one also at Whitney.

Speaker 2 ([24:42](#)):

Okay. And what I'll do is I'm discussing this, I'd like to just circulate just so you can see it. So our bank account is with Hancock Whitney and Hancock Whitney acquired first N B C whenever it was closed. When that happened, our bank officer told me that we could still use those same checks. We didn't have, they just rolled the account number from first N B C system to Hancock Whitney system. So I have continued to use those checks with no problems whatsoever. But Commissioner Plummer and I totally agree, thought it would be just, I guess prudent to have the checks. So the checks still say first N B C Bank. So I just wanted you to see. Gotcha. So she said, well why does the checks say first N B C? So I explained that and so she just thought it would be prudent for us to order new checks that reflect the current bank, which is Hancock Whitney. So that's the only reason I'm suggesting, and I'm pretty sure they can't take this account number that we've had with first N B C and bring it on to the, even though they honor do routing number. But even though they honor the checks, because we will now actually have what's truly a Hancock Whitney number. I'm thinking they're going to ask us to close this account and open a new one. Girl we have to get together and sign signatures again. And no, what I'm hoping is that even though it's a new account, she can just

([26:12](#)):

Transfer the signature cards over. You don't have to sign 'em again. But I really don't know. I can't promise that. Well, I guess we'll find out. Yeah, so that's the gist of that right now.

Speaker 3 ([26:25](#)):

Okay. I'm just curious to,

Speaker 2 ([26:30](#)):

And I'm going to circulate this bank statement. This, I actually just picked it up in the mail today, but when the bank statement comes from Hancock Whitney, they actually include copies of the checks. That's this page and it's really, really small, but you'll see that it's the first N B C. So again, just being very clear, shocked that,

Speaker 3 ([26:52](#)):

And it's

Speaker 2 ([26:53](#)):

Kind of hard to see, but those are these exact same checks they go through just as if it's Hancock Whitney. But we would like to change it so that we are now having Flex Handcock. Right. Because as she said, you could have someone that wants to go cash a check and they're like, well where do I go? Not everybody knows that person seen. Oh that's true. That's true. But that's how I found it when I asked her this question. So that's it.

Speaker 3 ([27:17](#)):

And just curious, and this me just asking if we close that account, if they say you're going to have to close it and then bank with us through Hancock and go through all the processes again, I'm just curious,

does it make sense that they recommend that you have to do all that? Does it make sense to move everything under one bank? That we have our savings with Liberty. Checking with Liberty. I'm just curious and

Speaker 2 ([27:46](#)):

Recommend That's a good point and it's a whole nother conversation like does N O R B P want to explore establishing banking relationship with another bank? It's totally, is that what you're asking?

Speaker 3 ([28:02](#)):

I'm just saying if it is a cumbersome process to close out and if they make you want to go

Speaker 5 ([28:07](#)):

To another bank

Speaker 3 ([28:08](#)):

Instead, do you want to consolidate everything? So it's the savings account. Liberty savings

Speaker 5 ([28:13](#)):

Is at liberty.

Speaker 3 ([28:14](#)):

The savings. So does doesn't make sense. I'm not a

Speaker 2 ([28:16](#)):

Fan of Liberty,

Speaker 3 ([28:17](#)):

So I'm going to be totally against that. Okay. That's

Speaker 2 ([28:21](#)):

Just me. So are you propose, I just want to understand that we maybe move from the close the liberty savings and move that to Hancock Whitney.

Speaker 3 ([28:31](#)):

No, I'm just, what I'm saying is

Speaker 5 ([28:34](#)):

Having two banks, banks, one bank,

Speaker 3 ([28:35](#)):

Right. If they make you close both

Speaker 5 ([28:37](#)):

Accounts in one bank, the savings and the checking in one bank rather than Liberty and Hancock Whitney, could they both be under one?

Speaker 2 ([28:47](#)):

So my only, what's your recommendation? That's just

Speaker 3 ([28:50](#)):

A question. Just a question. It was just a question. Just a question. If they make you have to go through and I'll take your advice on that. I'm just curious if it's so cumbersome, does it make sense to re-explore? If not,

Speaker 2 ([29:05](#)):

Well I'll tell you. Maybe

Speaker 3 ([29:06](#)):

I'm thinking about

Speaker 2 ([29:07](#)):

One conversation we did have at one point, which is important because this actually just happened recently. F D I C insurance is only to two 50. Correct. So we actually have 800,000 at Hancock Whitney. So it may be prudent to actually move some money from them to another Capital One wherever to stay within the F D I C insurance. We talked about it before the board felt all Hancock Whitney is fine, we are good. But I just want to mention that the A is all the insurance, but as

Speaker 4 ([29:40](#)):

A C P A that's protecting our monies. Our money is only protected to two 50.

Speaker 2 ([29:47](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 4 ([29:48](#)):

And we have 3 million in

Speaker 2 ([29:50](#)):

There. Not 3 million but 800,000 or so. The 3 million, how

Speaker 5 ([29:57](#)):

Much is in savings?

Speaker 2 ([29:58](#)):

Right. So I'm sorry, I just want to go back to the finance. The 3 million Commissioner Palmer is the total assets, but that's including the property and equipment. The cash is the very first number. 8 7 2 2 9 4 of that only 40. 40 something thousand is at Whitney, I'm sorry, at Liberty. And the rest is all at Hancock Whitney. So we have over 800,000 at Hancock Whitney.

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Speaker 5 ([30:28](#)):

Oh, okay.

Speaker 1 ([30:29](#)):

I know that was,

Speaker 2 ([30:30](#)):

So the F D I C insurance is only the two 50. So that's definitely something to think about.

Speaker 4 ([30:39](#)):

Yeah, definitely.

Speaker 2 ([30:42](#)):

There are many, even besides Libby have Capital One. There are many others that regions that we could consider.

Speaker 3 ([30:51](#)):

I think as of now, kind of a recommendation to go ahead and to the We need board approval for you to Yeah, we'll need

Speaker 1 ([30:59](#)):

Board approval. Yeah. Move it to just reopen an account with Whitney account. So

Speaker 3 ([31:03](#)):

We'll recommend to the board or recommendation motion to recommend to the board to reopen an account with Whitney. But also that the committee discussed the liability insurance with F D I C and that at the next committee meeting we explore that option

Speaker 5 ([31:24](#)):

Maybe. Yes.

Speaker 4 ([31:26](#)):

I'll second

Speaker 1 ([31:30](#)):

Says Tatum and Plumber. Jones and Plumber. Okay.

Speaker 3 ([31:43](#)):

Yeah because a lot of money on that should have protection around

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

We do millionaires

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Speaker 3 ([31:51](#)):

Do. I know, that's what I'm thinking too.

Speaker 1 ([31:54](#)):

And move their money all over. They have lots of accounts and they probably have a lot of offshore accounts.

Speaker 5 ([32:01](#)):

Yeah. Their money's not all sitting someplace where they can get, they know how to hide their money.

Speaker 1 ([32:06](#)):

I'm

Speaker 2 ([32:07](#)):

Pretty sure

Speaker 5 ([32:07](#)):

That's why they millionaires because they're not how to hide money.

Speaker 1 ([32:10](#)):

Yeah, I'm pretty

Speaker 2 ([32:10](#)):

Also, it is important, I'm sorry to add because I think Hancock Whitney does offer this where you can purchase additional insurance. I think there's cost that information. Get that information plus. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([32:30](#)):

Alright, so next one item. Let's just say item eight, review of status of RFQ slash letters of interest for auditing services. So that's me. So rather than even a full on R F Q and Michelle and I have been talking about it, I spoke with Commissioner Tatum. I think that all we really need is a letter, a solicitation for a letter of interest basically explaining this is who we are, this is what we need. Please tell us if you would like to provide services. Tell us a little bit about your company and tell us at what cost and how soon this is our deadline. Can you make the deadline and then you can make the decision based on their response to that. I have spoken to Bruno and Lon and they gave me a contact number. They're waiting to get it. And we also mentioned, I did not realize, but Sean Bruno is on his own now. So we can send to Sean Bruno separately. Also, I've contacted the city to get a contact name and number for someone at postal Weight, Neville, whatever, because they're a very big entity. And I don't want to just send that letter without having it direct it to a person who can pay attention to it.

Speaker 2 ([33:54](#)):

I can give you a name there of a partner who I know works in government services.

Speaker 1 ([33:59](#)):

Oh good. Okay.

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

Burkhart. B U R K H A R

Speaker 1 ([34:03](#)):

T. Okay. And just send me their information if you have it. And I know that I also asked Jeff if he can send me whoever the city uses so that I can, because they must have their number and all. He's going to hunt that down too.

Speaker 2 ([34:17](#)):

I think they use postal wait.

Speaker 1 ([34:18](#)):

Oh I know they use postal. Wait, I mean the person. Oh

Speaker 2 ([34:22](#)):

The person. Yes,

Speaker 1 ([34:22](#)):

Yes. Yeah. And then the other thing would be what you just suggested, also putting it on our website. Although God, I'm afraid to ask this man to do it. That's why.

Speaker 3 ([34:33](#)):

Yeah. Might be \$45.

Speaker 2 ([34:37](#)):

I know. Or more. That might be two. Yeah, that's going to cost you some money.

Speaker 1 ([34:42](#)):

I'm about to

Speaker 3 ([34:43](#)):

Say it must be by page on how many too.

Speaker 1 ([34:48](#)):

I'll also contact the city.

Speaker 3 ([34:52](#)):

You can probably send it to Jeff at the city and then he could

Speaker 1 ([34:56](#)):

Put, it'll do that. The

Speaker 3 ([34:57](#)):

Procurement just as a

Speaker 1 ([34:58](#)):

Bulletin and see if he can Yeah,

Speaker 2 ([35:02](#)):

Michelle, you know Carl Johnson? Yes.

Speaker 1 ([35:07](#)):

I want to try to get that done so that you guys can make your decision. The board, the board needs to actually engage the person.

Speaker 3 ([35:14](#)):

Right. But the board

Speaker 1 ([35:16](#)):

Board let us go ahead and do the letter. But they need to do, we can't engage,

Speaker 2 ([35:20](#)):

Which is another reason which

Speaker 1 ([35:22](#)):

Why we need a special meeting. Exactly. Because if we

Speaker 2 ([35:24](#)):

Wait until May, that's really

Speaker 1 ([35:26](#)):

The last Friday in May would be too late. Yeah. We got to have a special meeting mid

Speaker 3 ([35:31](#)):

May or right before Commissioner Jefferson

Speaker 1 ([35:34](#)):

Leaves. Yeah. Yeah. Cool. Alrighty. And discussion of entering into, that's the next item of entering into a managing services agreement to assist with the administration of the N O R B P.

Speaker 3 ([35:48](#)):

So I think, and I apologize, I forgot to send it to everybody on the committee, but I think we had discussed either doing, hiring somebody full time or going to a C E A or a contractual service agreement with an organization or the city that provides management services. I know Nola, ba, new Orleans Business Alliance does a lot of administrative services for the Lower ninth Ward, economic development and some other nonprofits around the city for admin, keeping the books, doing all marketing, all things

they might need. And just open for discussion. Instead of us hiring somebody full time, we don't have an office. Just really that management piece of having an employee on the books. Does it make more sense to maybe put out a management service or a queue for management managing services. And we have it in the budget that we manage our budget around 50,000 to list all the administrative services we would need help with. And in this R F Q and we would go into a contractual agreement between N O R B P and whoever it might be to help us scheduling board meetings, scheduling committee meetings, agendas. So Maria can focus on legal, Michelle can focus on

Speaker 1 ([37:23](#)):

Even somebody as simple as posting the agenda. We'll have somebody can post the agenda, all agenda,

Speaker 3 ([37:27](#)):

Checking the mailbox, doing things of that nature. And we list out all the responses.

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

I have a question. Is this the way of the city trying to step in and take over?

Speaker 3 ([37:44](#)):

No, I don't think it's the city. And that's something else that we do need to be very cognizant of. For sure.

Speaker 4 ([37:54](#)):

I am very cognizant

Speaker 3 ([37:55](#)):

Of that. And it really didn't come from Jeff, but I hear you and I've been feeling it too. I'm sure.

Speaker 1 ([38:04](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 3 ([38:06](#)):

Jeff always has a lot to say and I think it would be very important for us to, whoever it might be, and I'm not saying the city or Nola ba, it can be any nonprofit really.

Speaker 4 ([38:22](#)):

Did they hire an interim for Nola B?

Speaker 1 ([38:28](#)):

Yeah, I saw that the gentleman left.

Speaker 4 ([38:30](#)):

Norma was good. What happened with that?

Speaker 3 ([38:33](#)):

There was a lot of

Speaker 1 ([38:35](#)):

Politics.

Speaker 5 ([38:37](#)):

I'm on right. Wait

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

Until she cut that off.

Speaker 5 ([38:40](#)):

Okay. Moving right along. But I mean, it's hard to have an employee, it's hard to do that because you don't have a space for them to work and you cannot manage what they're doing. So you have to find some management service to go to. I mean, I am not particularly interested in the city having anything to do with anything. I don't trust that they would do their job personally and we would put it out to

Speaker 4 ([39:08](#)):

Essentially

Speaker 5 ([39:09](#)):

Anybody to, and somebody knows if some other entity, there are entities that could do that kind of stuff. I think that

Speaker 8 ([39:18](#)):

There's a good bid in the region, city, the parish that will be able to,

Speaker 4 ([39:25](#)):

You're

Speaker 5 ([39:28](#)):

Well, I think we need to bring that to the table to the, and give them that information that we can utilize these different entities that we can maybe pick on there or whatever. I'm just not that interested in, he says a lot of nothing.

Speaker 1 ([39:56](#)):

Well I think the city has a lot of plans for this area and all of it. It will be falling under their economic development office. So I think you'll be seeing a lot more.

Speaker 5 ([40:08](#)):

I know a lot more. Nothing

Speaker 1 ([40:11](#)):

Because

Speaker 4 ([40:13](#)):

I just think it's the control. Yeah, I don't like that because when he started hosting meetings and I'm like, I called Maria, I said, what is this? I said, does he not know we have an attorney? Why is nobody going through you? And he's setting up putting commissioners on the board and I'm like, wait a minute.

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

Well, since we've been working together, I think we've developed a good relationship. So at least we don't have that going on. I think that this has been a consistent problem with this park that the city has always thought it owned it and it doesn't quite understand that this is a political subdivision of the state. That it's on equal footing with the city in many ways. And so I don't know if they decide to make New Orleans East its own city, maybe that will be stupid. But I think that it's not a new issue with the city. And I don't know that it's necessarily sinister, but that it's more or less that it just never occurs to the city. That is not that they don't have control. It just doesn't even occur to, I

Speaker 5 ([41:26](#)):

Wouldn't eliminate the senator peace. I would never eliminate.

Speaker 4 ([41:30](#)):

Well lemme tell you something, let them tear down that Clayborne, that elevated Clayborne in the succession of New Orleans East from the city proper is going to be ramped up loudly. It's going

Speaker 1 ([41:45](#)):

To be ramped up. Oh, they're talking about tearing up up.

Speaker 4 ([41:49](#)):

You've already killed the black businesses when you took down the, I mean when you put

Speaker 1 ([41:55](#)):

It, put that overpass. Yeah.

Speaker 4 ([41:57](#)):

So now you have the new people who moved in trying to make it a walking community, but you're cutting off the entirety of New Orleans East. You cutting off the lower ninth ward and Arabic. Now the lower nine shall meet and Arabic, they're going to have to go through all those red lights to get to the city. But New Orleans East is even worse. We are going to have to go to six 10 to Metairie to come on that expressway to expressway to get to the city. It would be difficult to get uptown and to get to the West Bank. You're totally cutting us off.

Speaker 1 ([42:38](#)):

I don't know if that's really on the table at this point. It it's been on Jesus discussions

Speaker 5 ([42:46](#)):

That has been going on for some time.

Speaker 4 ([42:50](#)):

Not noticing people for the meetings because they already have their plans so they can easily say, oh we never heard nobody came. Nobody had a problem

Speaker 1 ([43:01](#)):

With it. Oh,

Speaker 5 ([43:03](#)):

I grew up in that area.

Speaker 1 ([43:04](#)):

Yeah.

Speaker 5 ([43:05](#)):

So I know as a child what that was.

Speaker 1 ([43:08](#)):

Yeah. My grandmother told me about how lovely it was. It was beautiful.

Speaker 5 ([43:11](#)):

It was really

Speaker 1 ([43:12](#)):

Nice. They said it was actually prettier than St. Charles Avenue

Speaker 5 ([43:17](#)):

And the businesses along the way.

Speaker 1 ([43:19](#)):

There were lots and lots of people of color who had black people, everybody Asian and they just, you

Speaker 4 ([43:29](#)):

Had Indian I know about

Speaker 1 ([43:30](#)):

Indian books up the Chinese had some laundries and Indians.

Speaker 5 ([43:33](#)):

He was India from India and he had a fabric shop and he dealt fabric some

Speaker 1 ([43:39](#)):

Avenue. There was a whole Exactly. Stuff

Speaker 5 ([43:41](#)):

That was written about the kind of stuff that they did on Clavon Avenue near

Speaker 1 ([43:45](#)):

Orleans. That's right. It was a horrible atrocity. What

Speaker 5 ([43:51](#)):

Happens. It was very nice.

Speaker 1 ([43:53](#)):

And I understand the community's concerned now because now you're cutting out that same community again and so, well it's not really germane to this. So I guess that's something that you guys still want to discuss. You don't have really a recommendation to make right now or

Speaker 3 ([44:10](#)):

Yeah, no recommendation. I think just more discussion. More discussion. Advise the board that more discussion within committee

Speaker 1 ([44:20](#)):

Before

Speaker 5 ([44:20](#)):

We, and propose some entities that can actually do it. If you could come with some entities at least so the board can have that discussion and maybe what would that call, what would that cost for us to bring somebody in? I think we already have the budget for that, right? We have a budget and who could best fit the budget and of course the scope of work that we want them to do. So we kind go to the board with some information and say we're still in the discussion stage. At least they can see we've come up with something.

Speaker 3 ([44:52](#)):

I'm happy to start just a draft scope of work and put out to the committee

Speaker 5 ([44:58](#)):

And recommend companies that. Alright, cool. Motion

Speaker 3 ([45:07](#)):

To adjourn.

Speaker 5 ([45:10](#)):

Alrighty. Thank you. So I will stop.