

**El Creston Mutual Domestic Water Consumers' Association**

Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7:00 pm

Board meeting

Via Video Conference

<https://zoom.us/j/93603021957>

1. Call to order and proof of quorum – Jim, Doug, Liz, Gene, Steva
2. Proof of notice of this meeting – Emails and Optic (Jim will stat posting on board by mailbox)
3. Approval of Agenda – (Gene/Steva)
4. Approval of meeting minutes from January 2, 2025 and March 22, 2025 – (Gene/Steva)
  - a. Treasurer's report
5. Treasurer's report (File saved on One Drive with minutes) – (Doug/Gene)
  - a. Funding
    - i. Capital Outlay Award – Discussion in old business
    - ii. Water Trust Board – No updates
  - b. Membership Report – No updates
6. Old Business
  - a. Asset management plan progress
    - i. Approval of contact with Souder Miller – Jim had them change the date so we can approve in April – (Gene/Liz) – Approved
    - ii. Appoint a single point of Contact – Jim will serve as single point of contact. Jim suggested Steva as other member for team. (Doug/Liz) – Approved.
  - b. Fire hydrant repair
    - i. Shirley at Souder Miller will get us specs for the backfill.
    - ii. Core and Main are the providers we need to work with for the correct part(s). – Need to have a rep on site for repair.
    - iii. Core and Main referred us to Clay Hunter the Muller Representative on what needs to be done to fix the hydrant. He stated it could be the way the hydrant was installed or turned on and off. Mr. Hunter stated that he would work with Jeffries once the weather was suitable to determine the source of the problem. – Gene will continue to coordinate with the vendors/contractor. Doug or Jim can provide Zoom to get all parties on a call. Liz will forward information obtained so far.
    - iv. Can cost of repairs be reimbursed by the current outstanding grant money? Is there documentation regarding what can be charged against

grant? State paid for emergency leak repair a few years back.  
Documentation needs to be submitted.

- c. Pump Station repair.
    - i. Repairs were completed on Feb 4, 2025
    - ii. Mike Macklin is still reporting pressure issues. – Carlos increased pressure. Mike Macklin has not been in town to check but will update Liz when they return.
    - iii. Can cost of repairs be reimbursed by the current outstanding grant money? (see discussion above on 6-b-iv)
  - d. Investigation into propane backup generator.
    - i. Research has yet to start. – Jim and Doug will work on getting specs. May want to start generator when pump is needed and not just when power is out.
    - ii. Need to determine budget and specifications.
7. New Business
- a. Add Jim to Bank accounts – Jim and Liz will work.
  - b. Get Jim access to email and other online information. – Jim and Doug discussed MFA issues and need for phone app.
  - c. Need to get Board manuals from Conrad and maybe Sebastain. Jim will reach out.
8. Public comment –
- a. Gene suggested sponsoring a “fire sale” fund raiser for the fire department.
9. Calendar Review for upcoming tasks
- a. Jim will follow up with Souder Miller
  - b. Gene will take lead on fire hydrant
  - c. Liz will let us know if Mike Macklin is satisfied and will
  - d. Jim will check with Souder Miller on generator.
  - e. Corporate report is due in May
10. Next meeting date: May 1, 2025
11. Adjourn – Doug/Gene

## AI Generated Summary

### Board Meeting - April 03

#### [VIEW RECORDING - 93 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

#### Meeting Purpose

[Board meeting to discuss ongoing projects, financial updates, and operational matters for El Creston water system.](#)

#### Key Takeaways

- [Asset management plan contract with Sauter Miller approved; Jim and Steva appointed as project team](#)
- [Fire hydrant repair coordination ongoing; need to organize meeting with Core & Main, Clay Hunter, and Lloyd Jeffries](#)
- [Pump station repairs completed; monitoring pressure issues for Macklin residence](#)
- [Propane backup generator project in initial planning stages with Sauter Miller](#)

#### Topics

##### Asset Management Plan

- [Contract with Sauter Miller approved for April start date](#)
- [Jim appointed as single point of contact](#)
- [Jim and Steva appointed as project team to work with Sauter Miller](#)
- [Next steps: Coordinate initial planning meeting with Sauter Miller](#)

##### Fire Hydrant Repair

- [Ongoing issue for ~1 year; contract with Jeffreys signed May 2022 for \\$4,000](#)
- [Core & Main and Mueller rep Clay Hunter involved in determining exact parts needed](#)
- [Need to organize meeting/call with Core & Main, Clay Hunter, and Lloyd Jeffries](#)
- [Proper installation with sand base around joint critical for long-term fix](#)
- [Doug to help coordinate Zoom meeting if needed](#)

##### Pump Station Repair

- [Repairs completed; monitoring pressure issues for Macklin residence](#)
- [Carlos increased PSI; awaiting feedback from Macklin after their return](#)
- [Liz following up with Romeros \(renters\) on any pressure changes](#)
- [Liz preparing documentation for capital outlay reimbursement](#)

#### **Propane Backup Generator**

- [Sauter Miller reportedly working on initial engineering plans](#)
- [Need to determine generator specifications based on pump requirements](#)
- [Jim to follow up with Sauter Miller on current status and next steps](#)
- [Potential need for concrete slabs for generator and propane tank](#)
- [Consider level switch activation vs. power outage activation](#)

#### **Administrative Updates**

- [Jim gaining access to email \(working through multi-factor authentication setup\)](#)
- [Jim and Liz to coordinate getting Jim added to bank accounts](#)
- [Liz to submit new construction authorization to state with updated signatories](#)
- [Annual corporate report due to Secretary of State in May](#)

#### **Next Steps**

- [Jim to follow up with Sauter Miller on asset management plan and generator project](#)
- [Gene to coordinate fire hydrant repair meeting with stakeholders](#)
- [Liz to monitor pump station pressure feedback and complete reimbursement paperwork](#)
- [Jim and Liz to complete bank account signature process](#)
- [Jim to continue working on email access setup](#)
- [Board to consider approaching Mr. Macklin about joining the board](#)
- [Jim to contact Daniel Atencio about potential fire department fundraiser idea](#)

#### **Action Items**

- **Follow up w/ Sauter Miller re asset mgmt plan next steps - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**

- **Coord mtg for fire hydrant repair (Lloyd, Clay Hunter, Core & Main) - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Follow up w/ Macklin re water pressure satisfaction - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Complete reimbursement paperwork for pump station repair - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Follow up w/ Sauter Miller re backup generator engineering status - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Meet w/ Jim for bank account signature addition - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Contact Conrad to retrieve board manual - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Contact Sebastian to retrieve board manual - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**
- **Call Daniel Atencio re fire dept fundraiser idea (flea market sale) - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)**

## AI Generated Transcript

### Board Meeting - April 03

[@11:01](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Yeah, I was talking to Doug from now on. I'll be running the meeting. And so I'm going to call the meeting to order.

And we do have five members here. So that's proof of quorum. Doug, how do you handle proof of quorum?

There you go. Let's start this all over again. As your new president, I'll be running the meetings. And I am calling the meeting to order.

And we have five members here. So that's proof of quorum. And I was going to move on and ask Doug how he does proof of notice.

[@11:37](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

So proof of notice, there's two things that go out. We send out an email to all of the membership and anybody that's interested.

There's a personally extensive mailing list. And then I also try to get it to be posted in the, in the, I send it to the, the optic.

I'm not sure whether they are, whether. They put it on today or not, but I've been sending it to them, so they have a community, and they keep changing the way it works for a while.

They had an online community calendar, and I could just post it there, and I could see it, but then that went away, and it went back to fill out the form, and it sends it to fill out the optic, and I don't know if he's putting it on the community calendar that gets published or not.

[@12:24](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay. Well, maybe in the future, I'll print out a copy and put it on the bulletin board down by the mailboxes.

[@12:30](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah, I was doing that for a while, and then had one that was kind of a permanent that just said it's always on the first Thursday, so I didn't go back and change them every time, but we can go back to putting it on the bulletin board, too.

[@12:43](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

It's a minor thing, and that way I can just post the agenda so people can see what we're going to be talking about.

[@12:50](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

All right, okay. If you're willing to do that, then I was for a while, I was walking down the street and doing that every week, and then we got a kind of a permanent one.

It's okay.

[@13:00](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

We have it there. It's there in front of everybody, but I think the word gets out.

[@13:07](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah. Okay.

[@13:09](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Do I have a motion to approve the agenda?

[@13:13](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

All moved.

[@13:14](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Second.

[@13:16](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

All in favor? Aye. God, that was easy. Minutes. I don't have any minutes, but Yeah.

[@13:29](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Did not send? You know what? I think I forgot after the annual, I did not get them. I put them on the website, but I don't know if I mailed them out to me.

[@13:41](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Ah. See, I'm just learning. I didn't know they were on the website.

[@13:45](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

So I can, yeah, they're, let's see if I, I don't know if there's a way to send them to the, okay, the chat doesn't let me, sometimes the chat lets you go in and it doesn't.

Well, let me do that. Anyway, I will email it out real quickly from what was there, but yeah, we usually put them on the website as well, but I apologize.

I probably did not send them out to everybody. After the annual, I got home, and I was on call that week, and I got kind of crazy that weekend, and then it was crazy the whole week after.

[@14:27](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So what else is new?

[@14:30](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

It's just some craziness, Doug.

[@14:35](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**



Given the amount of the confusion here, would it be acceptable to kick this can down the road until the next meeting so we all have a chance to actually read the minutes?

[@14:47](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, that's probably okay.

[@14:48](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

The only thing on the March 22nd, before we could go to the bank, we'll need approval of those March 22nd.

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Can we vote on those by email at least? I know that January 2nd, I read those because they were on the February, but we didn't have a quorum.

[@15:19](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Right. So I just emailed the minutes from that to everybody.

[@15:27](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So it's the minutes, it's basically the annual and then we had a board meeting right after that.

[@15:33](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Yes, the one where Jim was appointed as president.

[@15:38](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, that's what we have to approve those minutes so that you can do the bank. Okay.

[@15:43](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, let me pull them up real quick. Maybe we, as I recall, they were pretty short.

[@15:48](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Right, right. Especially the board, the board minutes were very quick because we had a very, we didn't even do a, we didn't have a full formal agenda.

So we did a, did a very quick board meeting. So at the bottom of that. PDF file there is.

[@16:04](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Ah, there we go.

[@16:08](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

So I can share it, too. But wait, let me see. I can actually share the thing on the.

[@16:13](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, I can do that, too. I got it. I get there first.

[@16:19](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

It's a race.

**SCREEN SHARING: Jim started screen sharing - [WATCH](#)**

[@16:24](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Oh, wait. I just shared the wrong one. Well, I just shared the March 22nd.

[@16:29](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Yeah.

[@16:30](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

OK, there we go. Except I think I shared the other one first. after. OK, you've got. OK, you've got.

[@16:35](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, you've got it. So. OK. Does everybody want to just skin this real quick and then we can vote to approve it?

[@16:48](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Yes.

[@16:51](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, you guys just want to hammer that nail in my coffin.

[@16:55](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@16:56](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

I've got the hammers.

[@16:59](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

You sure do. Eugene.

[@17:04](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

So the page two is where the board minutes are.

[@17:10](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, can't quite get it all on one screen.

[@17:13](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah, it's two pages.

[@17:22](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay, anybody need any more time to review them? Thank you. Got it. Do I have, where am I? Now I got to figure out.

Okay, I'm getting too many pop-ups. There we go. Do I have a motion to approve the March 22nd minutes?

[@17:51](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Move to approve the minutes.

[@17:55](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Second.

[@17:56](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Second. I second.

[@17:59](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

All in favor. I guess that's done. you want to go back and look at the January 22nd minutes as well?

[@18:10](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

I don't think so.

[@18:12](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay, let's put the January minutes off until next meeting so we can have more chance. This covers the basics that we needed.

[@18:23](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Right.

**SCREEN SHARING: Doug started screen sharing - [WATCH](#)**

[@18:27](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay, now I've got to figure out where the hell I am again. There we go. I'm going to share.

[@18:33](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I was going say, I popped the Treasurer's Report up.

[@18:37](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, okay. That's okay. That's next. Are you sharing the Treasurer's Report?

**SCREEN SHARING: Jim started screen sharing - [WATCH](#)**

[@18:43](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah, it should be. Can you see it? It should be.

[@18:46](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Oh, there we go. I stopped sharing.

[@18:52](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Okay, let's see. Let me reshare mine again because I think it was.

[@18:58](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, I've got all this stuff, Doug, in the future. Or I'll just take a responsibility for sharing.

[@19:03](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, that works. Okay, you should see them anyway.

[@19:08](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah. Take it away, Liz. Where'd Liz go? There she is.

[@19:18](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

She's muted. Liz, you're muted if you're trying to talk to us.

[@19:33](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

There you go.

[@19:34](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Okay, sorry, I had it mute because, oh, it keeps working. Okay, sorry. Okay, the checking account balance ending March 31st was 23,434.19.

Since April the 1st, checks that have cleared are 33,33. This is, like, for Microsoft and the MailChimp. Martin Gallego still has not cashed the lease payment for \$312.50.

He said he would do it last week, but he still hasn't. I'll send him another email. So as of today, our current checking balance is \$23,088.36.

The savings account balance ending March 31st was \$39,366.31. The breakdown of what's in loans, capital, and maintenance reserve. So we have available unreserved \$1,266.31.

And total unreserved cash balance is \$24,354.67. And then the water connection standby payment, the revenues received were \$2,214.44 and breakdown of the pay.

Payments versus the gross receipts.

[@21:04](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Very good. Any questions or comments?

[@21:09](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Thank you, Liz.

[@21:12](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So I have a comment. It's not necessarily about the Treasury side of it, but the billing side of it.

Liz, whenever you send the bills out, can you reformat it so the line that you're supposed to cut on is below the fold?

I know that's picky, but whenever I, and maybe it's just me, whenever I try and cut it, the fold screws me up.

Does that make sense?

[@21:43](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, I'm the one that's going to have to do that because I wrote the system.

[@21:48](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Oh, okay.

[@21:51](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So let me take, I'll have to pull up the system and take a look at what it means. It's tough because those statements have very,

Variable numbers of things on it. And so it's really tricky to get everything to fit on one page. So anyway, I'll talk to you off on the side and see if I can figure out what's going on and what it would take to fix it.

I'm being a little defensive because that was a very complex report to write.

[@22:24](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Does it pull out of Quicken? Oh, it's all access. Oh, it's out of access.

[@22:30](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@22:30](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Yeah.

[@22:31](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

I've taught access for years, and so I write a lot of access databases.

[@22:36](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

All right. So you know SQL.

[@22:39](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, I don't do SQL.

[@22:41](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I just use their... do access.

[@22:42](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

You just access. Yeah, I use their fun tools that make it a hell of a lot easier.



[@22:48](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Okay. We can talk about it later.

[@22:50](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@22:52](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Minor stuff.

[@22:53](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

All right. I stopped sharing. I'll move that we approve the Treasurer's Report.

[@22:59](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

So let's started. So

[@23:02](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

All in favor?

[@23:04](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Aye.

[@23:05](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Aye. God, this moves fast.

[@23:09](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah.

**SCREEN SHARING: Jim started screen sharing - [WATCH](#)**

**[@23:10](#) - jim (elcreston.org)**

Okay, I'm going back to share the agenda. Okay, Treasury Report funding. The capital outlay award, we're going to be dealing with that down below in terms of what we can charge against it.

Is there anything else we need to discuss?

**[@23:35](#) - gene (elcreston.org)**

I don't think so.

**[@23:38](#) - jim (elcreston.org)**

Okay, let's kick that down to when we start talking about the issues we need to charge against it. Anything on the Water Trust Board?

I don't think so.

**[@23:48](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

No.

**[@23:48](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

think so either.

**[@23:50](#) - jim (elcreston.org)**

Okay. Any membership reports?

**[@23:54](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

No new updates on membership.

[@23:56](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Hey, this goes fast. Yeah.

[@23:59](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Until we get into the business part.

**ACTION ITEM: Follow up w/ Sauter Miller re asset mgmt plan next steps - [WATCH](#)**

[@24:00](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

[@24:01](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Picky, picky, picky.

[@24:03](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay. Asset management plan progress. Approval of a contract with Sauter Miller. That's this 26-page document that I got them to just change the date so it's going to be done in April.

I think I had you guys on the email exchange with Sauter Miller. So basically, I need to entertain a motion to approve that contract.

[@24:34](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

So moved.

[@24:36](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Second.

[@24:38](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

All in favor?

[@24:41](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Aye.

[@24:42](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Okay, done and done. So what I need to do is sign it. I'll scan it into a PDF file after I sign it and ship it off to Sauter Miller.

And yes, the next step is that. Under the contract, we're supposed to appoint two things. One, a single point of contact to deal with the project with Sauter Miller and a team that's going to be involved in this.

I think it would be natural to appoint me the single point of contact as president, but the team is going to be involved in a couple of meetings with them.

As I understand, the next steps is they're going to arrange kind of a planning meeting and go through all the details that we have to go through.

I'm going to suggest that our new member, well, it seems to me, I'm just throwing ideas out, okay? I'm not trying to wrestle anybody to the ground here.

But it seems this would be a very good way for you to learn all about the gory details of the mechanics of our system.

And you also have a background in this sort of thing, don't you?

[@26:04](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Yes.

[@26:05](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So why don't you and I be the team and anybody else wants to join, fine.

[@26:10](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

That works.

[@26:13](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay, somebody want to move to appoint me as a single point of contact. And, God, I forgot. It's Vina?

[@26:23](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Steva.

[@26:24](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Steva! I'm 78 years old. I forget everything.

[@26:30](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

No excuses.

[@26:31](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

No excuses. I'll learn. Okay. I would entertain a motion to appoint me as a single point of contact and me and Steva as the team.

[@26:42](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I move that we appoint Jim as a single point of contact and Jim and Steva as the official team to work with Sauter Miller.

[@26:50](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

In favor? Go ahead. Oh, that was a second. I'm moving too fast. All in favor.

[@26:59](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

I don't I I

[@27:01](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

I don't have to ask opposed. Everybody voted. Okay. What I will do is I'll sign the contract and scan it into a PDF file, email it to my contact at Salter Miller, and include in that email the appointment of me and me and Steva.

And they should come back to us next to set up some kind of a meeting. But obviously, I will include Steva in that loop so we know we can both get there.

[@27:34](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So in the meantime, we have deliverables that we need to start putting together.

[@27:44](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

At this point, I'll have to go back and double check. But the main deliverables is the contact and the appointment.

There are other information that is a little confusing in my mind, but I was kind of thinking I'd wait.

To tell the first introductory meeting to sit down face-to-face with them and make sure we're clear on what those deliverables are.

But because one thing, as I recall in the contract, it said we have to come up with a list of all our equipment.

[@28:14](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Yes. And that's before they'll start.

[@28:17](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

But Sauter-Miller already has that because they were the ones that did the engineering. So some of that is they should be able to go back and just go review the previous, you know, and that's part of why we're working with them on it is that they have a lot of that or should have all that already.

[@28:35](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

They better. They build goals.

[@28:38](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Right.

[@28:39](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

And I don't have – I have what I think is a complete list through phase three because Cheryl and Joe Zabrowski were working on building their own asset management plan in coordination with Sauter-Miller, and I got that spreadsheet.

And so I've got a complete listing of – What they had through Phase 3.

[@29:02](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

So I've got that, but it came from Seller Millers. If I have to, I can feed it back to them.

Well, we probably still have all of that stuff. And in a lot of ways, I have not spent as much time digging around.

When something comes up, I go dig around on the OneDrive. But there is a massive amount of information on the OneDrive that we have.

And so that is one of the things that is – all of that detail is on the OneDrive as well.

So we should have all of that available. If you don't have it, I'll just click a link there in the Zoom chat.

There's a link to OneDrive. I don't know if Steva has access to it yet because I haven't set your account.

Jim should have access once you get access to the President account, and I need to go back in and play with permissions and make sure we take people who are no longer on the board off of that list as well.

But there are, in that one drive there, that's got a massive amount of stuff in there.

[@30:20](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Okay, good.

[@30:24](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

I'm making a copy and putting it on my desktop so I don't lose it.

[@30:28](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Oh, just the link?

[@30:30](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@30:32](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

I wouldn't copy the whole – I wouldn't copy all the files to your desktop.

[@30:36](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

No, no, no, no. I'm just copying the link.

[@30:39](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@30:39](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So I have it.

[@30:40](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**



Yeah, if you do – if you set up – if you set up the – I set up OneDrive as a – I actually put the OneDrive app on my computer so I actually just get it through Windows Explorer so it goes right – so I can open it up that way without having to get on the web browser.

[@30:57](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

But – well, I've – yeah, I can – oh. We'll look into that. I've got OneDrive online, but it's my OneDrive, so I'll to add this.

[@31:05](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, I have two. have my OneDrive, and then I have the Secretary account OneDrive, and they're two different little ones.

a white cloud, and one's a blue cloud.

[@31:16](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

I've got some technology to deal with here, but I think this will do it for me.

[@31:21](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So, Jim, who's going to set up the meeting, the initial kickoff meeting?

[@31:27](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, I'll coordinate that with them, and obviously you'll be in the loop. So it'll be an email exchange between you and I and them to coordinate calendars and things.

[@31:42](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So if possible, can we do that in person?

[@31:46](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah. Okay. Well, yeah, I think all things are possible. I think they want to do it in person, and we can either drive down to their office in Santa Fe.

[@32:00](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Fe.

[@32:00](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Or they can come up to us. Well, yeah, we'll sort it out. You'll be on the email exchange, Steva.

So just we'll get it all sorted out. I like kicking cans down roads. I don't have to do it immediately.

Okay, so that takes care of 6A, 6B, fire hydrant repair. Liz, you're the one that's been kind of monitoring this.

You want to review real quick? I think the bullets are in here. Let's run through it real quick.

[@32:40](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, Gene was the one that was coordinating it. And we just, when he got sick, that's when Rick offered to help him get the bids out.

And so that's when we found out CORE and Maine are the providers that we need to work with. And CORE.

We were in Maine are the ones that referred us to Clay Hunter, the Mueller representative, and he will be working with Lloyd Jeffries when the weather is suitable, and they'll come in and try to find out what the source of the problem is.

And since the call with Clay Hunter, I have not been involved with it, and I think Gene took over again.

**ACTION ITEM: Coord mtg for fire hydrant repair (Lloyd, Clay Hunter, Core & Main) - [WATCH](#)**

Right, Gene?

[@33:31](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Yes.

[@33:32](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay. So, Gene, you're on top of getting this done.

[@33:37](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Oh, geez. Okay. Well, basically.

[@33:40](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

No small thing.

[@33:42](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

No, no, no. That's fine. It's been sitting there. Let's face it, it's an eyesore. It's not functional. So, as I'm learning, I really think this is the program that should be sending a letter off to Lloyd, updating him with regard.

There were several things that weren't a part of this initially. It was only after he dug down around the base that connects to the main line that we found that, according to the original contract, that junction should have had a larger amount of sand around the junction, as opposed to the soil that was placed there.

But there's, I guess, two different good reasons to do that. I'm not going to get into that. The fact that it wasn't, it's a little late to start, you know, pointing fingers just to the fact that we should be telling Lloyd that when he gets done with the connection, that sand needs to be applied around that joint.

And we, of course, are going to have to order it from the sand and gravel outfit, and his employees are going to have to be.

leave it. Shoveling it around there. Another thing would be Clay or the Core and Maintenance Inspector or employee should be there when they go back to work on this project again.

Then Lloyd can explain to him exactly what has gone on to this point where it's leaking. Then they can decide exactly the point, the part that needs to be replaced exactly.

And, of course, it'll be up to Core and Main to provide that for them. And Core and Main further should be at the site when that's being installed and it's being tested to make sure it works correctly.

Now, it may all...

[@35:47](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Does Core and Main have a local...

[@35:49](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Do they have a local... Albuquerque. Okay.

[@35:52](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

So they can send somebody up from Albuquerque.

[@35:54](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Okay. We're going to have to be sending them up to coordinate those two to make sure that they're together at same time.

But if I am capable of ambulating at that time, I'd like to be sure that all this is done correctly as I know it to be, just to make sure core and main's main challenge will be to make sure that the components are correctly connected.

Okay. They don't have to worry about the filling in with the sand and everything and making sure that the fill is properly located.

We got to make sure that it should have been done 10 years ago, get done right this time. Are we going to need to dig up the other fire hydrants?

No. This main one, Doug, quite simply, all that water comes running down from the hill. It hits that junction, and of course that fire hydrant is very close to that junction.

So that probably has done more to contribute to this leak than anything else.

[@37:05](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Right.

[@37:06](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

And if, well, you were down there when it was leaking, correct?

[@37:10](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah, I was down there after we'd had a rainstorm and I was climbing in and out of the hole when it was full of water.

So I stuck a ladder down there and climbed into the hole to take some pictures and do some measurements while it was full of water.

But because I was thinking that we were going to be able to get the get the parts ordered sooner than we did.

But OK, so just to make sure we'll need to have somebody from Corn, Maine, on site during the repair.

And then and then and then they can. So it sounds like the first step needs to be we need to get a conference call or need to get the Corn, Maine, maybe Clay Hunter and Jeffrey's all on a phone call together.

[@37:57](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Yep.

[@37:58](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

All right.

[@38:00](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

And so if you need me to help coordinate that because I can set up a Zoom meeting or something, let me know.

[@38:10](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Yeah, I think that'd be perfect. To get started, to get everybody on the same page, because virtually nobody has to this point, even though we thought we had correctly measured exactly, it's only when the man who represents the equipment in there can be absolutely sure, because as I've learned, the height of the whole hydrant is directly based on the height of that hexagonal shaft that goes up there, that opens and closes the valve.

It can't be too high, can't be too low. So it's got to be on the money. And of course, they have to disassemble it all, put that piece on, and then piece it back together.

Again, then I think what really caused this problem, there's no way to... It's quite simply, when you turn that valve on the top and you've got this 40,000 gallons of water pressing on that valve, when it opens up, all that water is just cascading downhill and hitting that particular joint that exists at the 90.

And, of course, this fire hydrant is maybe a couple of feet away from that joint, so that if someone opens it up too fast, that could have been the initial problem that caused its leak in the first place.

And subsequently, attempts to repair it have been not successful, so we've got to get it done correctly.

[@39:43](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Right, right.

[@39:44](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

So, Corinne Mayne will tell us exactly what to do. Right. I mean, and that's what we should rely on.

What needs to be done and how to do it. And, of course, the plumbers should know how to do it, but it's this minor factor, which is major.

What exactly is needed there? And it can be simply a length of pipe of a certain length, you know, as far as it goes, with both joints above it at exactly 90 degrees to each other, because we're talking a liquid here under extreme pressure.

I don't know that the piece in there ever did leak. It's been the gasket that's blowing out below it, you know, that connects the joint to that particular valve that's blowing up.

So I'm hoping I'm not throwing this all over your head. That's not my intent, but I'm trying to get it across.

[@40:40](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

I didn't realize, I guess I didn't realize until you were explaining it for the fifth or sixth or seventh or twelfth time that the valve, I assumed, I didn't realize that that little knob on the top of the fire hydrant with the five point thing.

That that actually turns a shaft and that the valve's all the way at the bottom. I didn't realize that.

[@41:04](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

just it, yeah. And that's why they had to have measured that thing so that the thing came out right to begin with.

That's what they got right. What they cheated, apparently, was one of those valve gasket metals on the end is not congruent or equal with the other.

[@41:26](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@41:27](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

And the gasket wasn't strong enough because it's getting squeezed extra tight on one side and not the other to hold all that fluid pressure from coming out.

That's why it's leaking. So if we get the right piece in there and the gasket doesn't get damaged on installation, and then when they test it, it should be good.

Yeah. Then it's simply a matter of adding the sand around that joint, like should have been put in there, and then covering it in with soil properly.

And, of course, solder miller should be giving us those specs so we got some idea as to what type of sand, how fine it's got to be, and how much of it.

Once that gets done, it's just a matter of ordering in from the truck. They can dump a truckload there, and then at the proper time, when it doesn't leak anymore, then they can add the sand around it.

We'll finally have it up and running.

[@42:27](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

He's frozen.

[@42:28](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

I hope I didn't bore him.

[@42:29](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

There you are.

[@42:31](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Pardon me?

[@42:33](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

As far as I'm concerned, you guys froze for a minute. But that was me, it looks like. Yeah, it says my internet connection's unstable.

[@42:43](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

No.

[@42:45](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Sorry about that.

[@42:47](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Well, I hope I was able to explain that in a way that everyone could understand. And I realize if your expertise is elsewhere, it gets complicated.

[@42:59](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Jim.

**SCREEN SHARING: Doug started screen sharing - [WATCH](#)**

[@43:00](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

ahead. Just... Just for Steve's purposes, I'm going to share this. This is a picture.



[@43:08](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

This is a picture.

[@43:09](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

So what we're talking about here.

[@43:11](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

I know exactly what you're talking about.

[@43:13](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I don't need it. But I need for you guys. If you'd seen it or looked at it, so I figured what we're talking about, there's the picture I took when the hole was full of water.

[@43:22](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

But I need you guys to, if we're going to use, to understand that if we're going to use a contractor and somebody that's an expert, we need to back away from telling anybody how to do anything or what we assume is wrong.

[@43:37](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah.

[@43:38](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

We need to turn that over to the expert and the guy that's doing the repair.

[@43:43](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah.

[@43:44](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Because when we get involved, then it muddies the water.

[@43:48](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, I have a clarifying question because in B3, it says Corn Mane referred us to Clay Hunter, should have been Hunter, of Mueller representatives on what needs to be done to fix

Now, corn main is going to be the supplier of the part, as I understand it. What's Mueller's job in all of this?

[@44:11](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

The reason, I forget her name.

[@44:19](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

They were the ones that couldn't provide the part, right?

[@44:23](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Yeah. the ones that actually made the fire hydrant, Terry Baker with corn main, she made contact with Clay Hunter, because we sent her that photo of the fire hydrant, too.

And she wanted to know exactly, in talking with Clay Hunter, she wanted to know if we were ordering the right part.

Does he think it's the DI pipe that we were asking for the part, the DI pipe? And she said, I'm not sure that that's what you need to be – I'm not sure that's what needs to be replaced.

So she referred us to Clay Hunter, and that's how he became involved. And he keeps saying that he's not sure it's the D.I.

pump that needs to be ordered.

[@45:20](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@45:21](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

So we get Clay and somebody from Corrin, Maine, and Lloyd Jeffrey all on a call and let everybody talk about what really needs to be done and get a plan together and get the experts on and kind of get our amateur board members out of the loop is what I think makes sense.

[@45:44](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

That's fine.

[@45:46](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Maybe not totally out of the loop.

[@45:48](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

But no, at least we're not having to – and I run into this in my job all the time.

We're not having to relay information from one to another.

[@46:00](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

And then you play the game of telephone and something gets lost in translation. I think the key to that call, Doug, will be that illustration that you just put up.

[@46:10](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

So everybody's looking at the same thing when they're talking about the problem. Right. So let me know when you get a hold of people and when they want to do it.

If it's during the business day, we'll have to work around my work schedule to do it. So, you know, but once you get people kind of lined up, we can do a call and get everybody on a Zoom bridge and kind of talk about it and look at the picture and whatnot.

[@46:33](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

I also have a personal Zoom meeting that I can use if you're hung up, Doug.

[@46:39](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@46:41](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

The other thing, just being cautious, is that it sounds to me that they may actually have to physically visit the site to make these determinations.

Yes. But I agree to start with suggesting the Zoom meeting and see if they feel that's adequate. And I definitely want to be included in any of this.

[@47:03](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Right, right. We don't want to just hand it off to them and say, yeah, but we need to see what they're doing.

And there's still a chance, and that's what I'm saying, if the hydrants weren't put in correctly, and so I assume that sand base needs to be there to allow the thing to shift around or whatever, or to keep it straight.

And so if the other one, there's a possibility we could be at some time down the road doing this with one of the other hydrants.

They're not as susceptible because they don't have that water hammer issue with them. But I just want to make sure that we know exactly what the issue is, because if we discover there's a leak in one of the other hydrants, we know what to do.

[@47:42](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Yep, yep. It'll be good, especially if it's laid out 20 years down the line, you know, as far as it goes.

It'll be something that'll be referenced to, so you know where to go, especially under this asset management plan, as to what to do about this particular problem.

[@48:00](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Right.

[@48:00](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Good point.

[@48:03](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

The point four, and I'm going to toss this at Liz. Do you have, well, first I'll check the OneDrive to see if, I'm looking for a written document that tells us what we can and can't charge against that capital grant.

It seems to me like these repair costs would be something that are capital related, that should be chargeable. And obviously we want to charge everything we can to that capital grant.

So I may be contacting Liz if I can't find something in writing, but I need to work with Liz to charge that capital grant if we can for all of this, including the amount we've already paid.

[@48:41](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

I know they approved when we had the emergency water leak in front of the Garcia property. I submitted that as a disbursement and they approved it, but I had to have all the documentation.

And I do have the documentation. Documentation for the booster station, almost ready to send, but I do have a question on this, on the fire hydrant repair, should I go ahead and prepare, like, prepare just for half of the contract because the contract was for \$4,000 and we only have paid them half.

But we've only paid them \$2,397.54 and I haven't submitted anything because I didn't think it was going to take this long for them to come out and finish repairing it.

So should I prepare a disbursement for the one half and see if they approve it or should I just wait till all of it's complete?

[@49:53](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

I would guess you need to wait till it's complete because they're probably going to want to have, they're going to want to.

[@50:00](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

I'm guessing they're going to want to have it complete in order to pay it.

[@50:03](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Yeah. The only reason to do the partial payment, Liz, would be to conserve our cash, and we've got plenty of cash right now.

[@50:11](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@50:12](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

We've added so many variables.

[@50:14](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

On the fire hydrant, does someone want all the information I have, like who we contacted and the email we received that from Kerry Baker so that you have the information?

Or do I just keep it and you guys can contact me?

[@50:34](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Why don't you send it to Steve, right, Steve?

[@50:37](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

No, sir.

[@50:38](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

going be on that contact situation with Senator Miller?

[@50:43](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, that's on the capital asset management plan.

[@50:47](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@50:48](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Liz, I would like to get a copy of it just for my information.

[@50:52](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah, maybe if you've got email, they can just forward them to the rest of the board. That way we have them.

[@50:57](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Right.

[@50:58](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Okay, because I'll just forward... Do her email, and any other thing, and then the contract itself I'll send to Jim so he's aware.

Okay.

[@51:10](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

A plan.

[@51:12](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Good. Yeah. But I mean, while it's simply straightforward, folks, it's something that needed to be done quite some time ago, but it's getting done now, so that's fine.

[@51:25](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

So, yeah.

[@51:27](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Because there'll be a year now that we initiated that contract with Jeffreys. Yeah.

[@51:35](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Wasn't that long ago?

[@51:37](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Well, he signed it May 3rd.

[@51:43](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

So with that fire hydrant being out, does that...

[@51:47](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

The Jeffreys was for the fire hydrant, and it was for the full amount was for \$4,000. and \$3,600. 9508, and he signed the and

Jeffrey signed it on May 3rd of last year.

[@52:04](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Wow. And I took those pictures back in August. It was in August after he dug up the hole and he needed this when I took the pictures.



So, yeah, it's been – and we were fighting with it for a good year or two before we even dug the hole, So it's been going on for a while.

[@52:25](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

I suppose now the repairs were making some efficient moves. It looks almost embarrassing, but it's still solid when you get started.

It may seem small, and it's not connected directly to the main line. So it hasn't influenced the distribution at all.

So that's the good part. Right. still, we'd like to have it right there as far as it goes when it comes to a firefight.

[@52:51](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yep.

[@52:52](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So, Gene, does it affect any other fire hydrants?

[@52:55](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

No, no. Those are all directly connected like this one. No. you. It's a T-joint on the main line that goes to those fire hydrants, so they're all virtually similar, but this is the one that gets the main load from that water pressure coming downhill.

[@53:15](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Okay.

[@53:16](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Any other comments, questions on B, fire hydrant repair?

[@53:21](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I don't have anything else.

**ACTION ITEM: Follow up w/ Macklin re water pressure satisfaction - [WATCH](#)**

[@53:23](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay, let's move on to the pump station. As I understand, all the repairs are made. It's just a matter of getting Mike Macklin a little happier with his pressure, and that is now down to our conversation between Macklin and Carlos.

[@53:41](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Is that correct? Yes, and Mike responded to my email, and he said they've been out of town since Saturday, so they won't get back until this following Saturday or Sunday, and he'll let us know if there's been any changes.

said... ela's an But Carlos did come on Monday, and he increased the PSI, and so he hoped that fixed the problem.

And I also put in a call to the Romeros, their renters of lorry ship, and they didn't call me back to see if the water pressure changed for them in any ways.

[@54:27](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

They haven't really had any problems.

[@54:30](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

They just said it was a little bit lower than normal, but they were still getting water. And after we installed the motors, they haven't made any contact.

So I did call them, and they never called me back, so I'll follow up on that, too.

[@54:51](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Do you think it would be wise for the next meeting, for us to cut the contact, Macklins, give them another...

Zoom access so they can talk to the board directly on how this whole problem has been like since until the annual meeting, I had no clue that they were even having a problem.

I figured once we installed that generation station up there, that would have solved all that. And they have called me when they were unhappy about other things, but they never did this time.

So I figured everything was unky dory up to that point.

[@55:33](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, he emailed me, but I didn't see the email right away because I don't check the email for the secretary email every day.

So then I forwarded on when I saw it. But yeah, it's been, and I remember at one time he'd contact us when the water was out, when we had that leak and the water was out.

And he called me when I was in meetings for work and I wasn't able to return his. And he complained about that.

And so now he just emails me, but he has, but he's been provided other contact names and numbers too.

So I'm not sure, I'm not sure quite.

[@56:16](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, he didn't contact me about the water. I only found out when he had, Carlos said that Conrad called him.

And let him know that Macklin didn't have any water, and I had never heard that. And so that's how we started out.

And then he has not contacted me about the low water pressure. I think he's been sending it to Doug, or.

[@56:49](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, he sent it to me, but just, he just sent a single email to me. So that's the.

[@56:59](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

So how about this? If we contact him subsequent to this meeting, and Carlos has made an adjustment, and that has solved the problem, now it's done then.

But in case it isn't exactly as good as what he wants, let's face it, everybody else seems quite content.

We know we're delivering hard water, but it's water. And we haven't, well, I mean, what have we had about problems?

One, with regard to a health issue, as far as it goes, and that's been, I think, largely resolved as far as it goes, as far as we could under the circumstances.

And then the other one will be Mike due to the pressure problem. And since that's mainly mechanical, if we got an adjustment through Carlos, we should be able to solve that with not too much trouble now that the station's been repaired.

[@57:58](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@58:00](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

The only other one I need to follow through, and before she said she was Camille King, but she said she wasn't having trouble.

It was a little low, but she was still getting her water, so I just need to follow up. But she did call after the motors were in, and she said the water pressure was fine, but I'll contact her again now that they increased it.

[@58:28](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Good.

[@58:30](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So basically, Liz, you seem to be in the middle of a loop here. Just, you know, CC the board on any communications so we know how it's playing out.

You do too damn much, Liz.

[@58:45](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Really?

[@58:47](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

One of the reasons I decided to run for the board is to try to pull some of this stuff off her plate, but, you know, it's hard to pull something off the plate in the middle of dinner.

Sure. So, anything I'm... If I can do to help Liz and Gene on any of this stuff, let me know.

**ACTION ITEM: Complete reimbursement paperwork for pump station repair - [WATCH](#)**

But I'm not going to kind of come in like Elon Musk and start throwing, destroying everything. Sorry about the politics.

Okay. And so Liz is working on putting together the paperwork to get that reimbursed out of our capital asset grant.

Any other?

[@59:26](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

I almost have it ready. I just want to make sure that I have everything before I send it. And then I do have to, now that the minutes were approved for March the 22nd, I need to submit a new construction authorization to the state where we have Jim, Doug, and myself as the ones to handle anything with any construction or signature approval.

is And going to I'm to to Yeah. And And Doug was doing the reporting.

[@1:00:04](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Okay. So you just have to put that back on it so that they have the names documented properly.

[@1:00:11](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Right.

[@1:00:14](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yep, I'm taking notes. A lot to follow up on. Well, we'll get things organized, you know. Okay, anything else on the pump station repair?

Okay, moving on to the propane backup generator. It looks like nothing's been done. Not really.

[@1:00:39](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

I kind of volunteered to start researching, but I haven't yet. But I actually have a couple of questions. And first, we don't pay a direct power bill, right?

Is part of our lease, they pay for the power for the station? Or do we have a power bill we pay every month?

Well, we pay. We pay our own electric bill, don't we?

[@1:01:02](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Yes, we have two accounts.

[@1:01:05](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Okay. So if you give me the, because I don't know how much that.

[@1:01:18](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

I think Doug got froze out. Doug?

[@1:01:25](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, Doug got froze out this time.

[@1:01:27](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@1:01:28](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Are you good, Steve? I don't know if Steve is still with us or I'm still here. Okay.

[@1:01:41](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

There you go.

[@1:01:43](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

We lost Doug, though.

[@1:01:45](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@1:01:49](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, what I can do, if Doug stays frozen up, we can come back later if you want to, but what I'll do is volunteer to work with Doug to get this done.

We'll see you next time. Oh, yeah, he kicked out. Let me see. No, I can't record. Well, let's move on as best we can.

I'll follow up with Doug on this project.

[@1:02:23](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

And I think Matthew was also supposed to do research, too, on the propane.

[@1:02:30](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, well, I mean, we're going to have to find a firm, an engineering firm, to install everything and probably work with an engineering firm to make sure that the generator has the right specs to run that pump.

So we do, I don't, you know, we're getting back to what Steve has said about working with contractors that know what they're doing.

I think maybe the first step is to find a contractor that will take this on and design everything. firm, firm, a a

[@1:03:01](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So you can also get company reps out there and have them write up bids, and they'll go through a whole list, and then we can have a better idea of what was going on to hand to a contractor.

[@1:03:16](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah. Well, then, again, I will work with Doug on this. It sounds like the first thing we need to do is identify some people that could sell us the thing and come out and get some bids from them.

[@1:03:31](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

In that line, the original electrician that installed this to make it up and running is apparently in Las Vegas.

Somewhere, we've got his name and phone number, and obviously, he'd be the electrician if we want to do the hookup on it.

And, quite honestly, I have no idea where that might be, but it would simply... It would be worth our while to get that online.

I believe that Souter Miller is already at work as devising a plan for this, and this simple deduction is that we're going to need a concrete slab to mount that generator on, and another concrete slab to put the propane tank on, and that they can't be too close to each other for fear of a potential fire.

That may not be a big deal, but I think it's going to be a factor, and it'll be interesting to see what Souter Miller comes up with the drawings for this, and also the specs for the generator, as far as that goes, because everything ought to come together when the blueprints are done, and somehow, as you mentioned, we've got to be contacting contractors for bids, and also get that electrician out there for his input as to what's ideal.

[@1:05:01](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So you're saying that Solder Miller is already working on this?



[@1:05:04](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Correct. When I last called him and I was titling him about it, said, we obviously need a plan to get it started.

Surely, when you're talking to her on other factors as far as it goes, just follow up on the fact that, indeed, that's in the mill already or should be started imminently.

**ACTION ITEM: Follow up w/ Sauter Miller re backup generator engineering status - [WATCH](#)**

Okay.

[@1:05:27](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, I'll add that to my to-do list to contact Solder Miller and sound out. Find out where we stand because you know we're going to have to sign another contract with him.

[@1:05:38](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Yep.

[@1:05:40](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

So anyway, I'll take the lead in trying to figure out where this all stands and work with Doug.

[@1:05:47](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Good.

[@1:05:47](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

I think on the last audit, they said that we would probably need to do a revised or amendment, a joint powers agreement, because-

I think I'll look at the contract we have, because I think our contract with just for regular engineering, I think it's getting ready to expire.

So, Jerem, I'll let you know. I'll send you the contract on that.

[@1:06:17](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay. Oh, God.

[@1:06:21](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I apologize. I think I'm back now.

[@1:06:23](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Yes, you are.

[@1:06:25](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I lost my computer, but our lovely power grid, power went out for a quarter of a second, my UPS does not support, the battery has died, and I haven't been able to replace it yet.

And so I don't have a, and so the power glitches for a quarter of a second, my computer crashes.

[@1:06:47](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@1:06:48](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, welcome back.

[@1:06:49](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

I just joined twice.

[@1:06:51](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

We like you anyway, Doug.

[@1:06:54](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, Doug, let me summarize what we, all the ways we used your name in vain. Meanwhile, you were gone.

[@1:07:01](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Right, right.

[@1:07:02](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, here's the bottom line is that I'm going to work with you on this project, but Gene pointed out that Sauter Miller had already started to work on an engineering plan.

And it seems to me that's the first step. We need to know all the components. So I offered to follow up with Sauter Miller and see where we stand on that.

Right, okay, that's good.

[@1:07:26](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Because my thought was that I wanted to – and the reason I was asking about the power bill was that I don't know what – I don't even know how much that thing draws.

But Sauter Miller may be able to find that information as well.

[@1:07:41](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Sure.

[@1:07:42](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

We need to know how big a generator we need. You know, does it need to be, you know, 3,000 watt, 10,000 watt?

I don't know what it needs to be. So that was part of my discussion about that was the way I asked that question just as the power went out.

[@1:07:59](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, I – Like I say, I think I've got a fairly complete list, and yes, they do have detailed specifications of that pump.

So yes, they should be able to tell us exactly how big of a backup generator we need.

[@1:08:13](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Right, and they may be able to provide some details as well. So I'm still getting my minutes back up to take those notes.

Okay, so Jim, you and I can work together to kind of figure out what we need and what the specs are and all that.

[@1:08:29](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

and this will be another project we'll book through our capital grant. We're going to get rid of that \$55,000, wouldn't we?

[@1:08:36](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, I figure that's something we will edit.

[@1:08:45](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Oh, yeah, this is the old adage of spend it or lose it.

[@1:08:49](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

So anyway, I think we're on top of that.

[@1:08:51](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Any other comments on the propane backup generator?

[@1:08:56](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

I do. I have one more.

[@1:08:58](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Go right ahead.

[@1:08:59](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

ahead. So what? When you figure out where everybody is and everything, as we're thinking about this generator, in the prior meeting at the firehouse, someone said something about it kicking on when the electricity goes off.

[@1:09:15](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah.

[@1:09:16](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

And I'm hoping that Souter Miller will counsel us whether that's a good idea or not, because you have head pressure, so the pump, you don't have, you don't need to burn propane if your storage tank isn't down.

So there could easily be a level switch in the water to turn the propane, to turn it on.

[@1:09:39](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Yep.

[@1:09:39](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

So instead of...

[@1:09:40](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yeah, click on the generator when the pump needs to kick on rather than just any time the power goes off.

[@1:09:46](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Right, right, yes.

[@1:09:47](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

All right, we're on the same page.

**ACTION ITEM: Meet w/ Jim for bank account signature addition - [WATCH](#)**

[@1:09:49](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Yeah. That's great. Just great.

[@1:09:53](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Any other comments? Moving right along. We'll... We'll deal with getting me on the bank accounts. We now have a copy of the minutes we need, and I'll coordinate with Liz and make sure I've got all the documents I need.

We can go down to Wells Fargo and get my signature on the account. Getting Jim access to email. I now have access to the OneDrive.

I've been going nuts trying to get access to the email. Doug, do you use email on the phone or on your PC?

[@1:10:29](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

No, I use it on my computer, but the way Microsoft has done it, and they enforced this on us a while ago.

They put this, they enforced it on us, and we had to put it on, and Liz had to do this as well, is that you have to install the Microsoft Authenticator app for a multi-factor authentication.

So you have to basically, when you log in, you have to also do something, and now when I log in, in?  
is Thank I just have to connect in, and it pops up.

[@1:11:02](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

My phone notifies me, and I pick the right number.

[@1:11:05](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

So Microsoft says, oh, check your phone and select 80 or 16-8 or whatever it sells me. And then the phone app pops up with three options, and I click on the right one.

But you have to set that all up, and that takes a little bit of work. So I'd install the Authenticator app, and then there's some registration to go through it.

And that's one of those things that I had to work through, and I know Liz had to work through it a bit, too.

[@1:11:34](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Doug had to help me. Another thing that went over my head.

[@1:11:39](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, well, it seems a bit complicated.

[@1:11:43](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, it's basically they require what they call multi-factor authentication, which means that they don't want you just logging in with a username and password because somebody else could get that username and password.

So they want a third factor, and so they call it multi-factors. They want third factors. Which could be the most Microsoft Authenticator is usually the easiest way to do.

They can also use something like a YubiKey or, you know, some other, you know, secure ID card or something.

But there are a lot of ways. But the most common way is to have an app or a text message to go through.

But I didn't see an option to set up a text message, but I can look and see if such an option is available.

[@1:12:25](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, I'll go back to stumbling through this. Because what I balked at, being a damn cheap accountant, and it was a little confusing, is I was trying to set it up on my PC, and they immediately sent me to my phone.

And they wanted to download this Authenticator app, but they wanted to charge me \$60 a year for it.

[@1:12:45](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@1:12:46](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

So I got it.

[@1:12:48](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@1:12:48](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

I just resist paying things.

[@1:12:51](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, this shouldn't be something that you have to pay for for this.

[@1:12:54](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**



It's just a... Well, okay. I'll continue to work on it, Doug, and if I... Yeah. Run into it. Do another brick wall, I'll get back to you.

[@1:13:02](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, and like I said, I can check and see if there's something other than – that was the quick and easy way in.

I actually had Microsoft Authenticator in place from my previous work job where I had to use it, so it was easy to switch it on.

But, yeah, it's one of those things that they do with – yeah, it has to do with making things more secure than just putting a password on.

[@1:13:29](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Because what was confusing me is the Authenticator was on my phone, but I wanted to get access to my PC.

[@1:13:37](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Right, right, right. But the Authenticator, yeah, and that's the extra piece. So my customer work where we have a whole bunch of – we have a whole bunch of hoops we have to jump through to get onto their systems, and it includes a little YubiKey to let people immediately register something on their phone, which they're not supposed to do, and it gets really complicated.

[@1:13:56](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah. Well, I run all this for the HOA, and I maintain the website. It's simple. You just log on to the email account that comes with the ISP, and you just log on, and if you want multiple factor, you just check a box.

[@1:14:14](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

But anyway, I'll stop bitching, and I'll get it taken care of. Right. Okay. Yeah, just let me know if you still have problems.

[@1:14:21](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Anything else on new business? Moving right along, there's no public. Hey, I'm not public anymore, so there's no public comment.

I have been making a bullet list for calendar review, just to make sure we're on the same page. And so, number one is Jim's going to follow up with Souther Miller on the asset management plan to see what the next steps are, and organize a meeting with Steva and myself and Souther Miller.

The firehouse. Hydrant gene is going to take the lead in getting everybody together that needs to be get-together. If it's physically there or if it's on Zoom, Doug will set up the Zoom meeting.

If he can't, I can use my Zoom room for that. The only follow-up on the pump station is for Liz to keep us in the loop, is to if Macklin's happy with his pressure, and also keep us in the loop about completing the reimbursement out of the capital asset management plan.

Liz and I will get together and get me on the checking account. And on the pump station, I'll follow up with Soudre Miller to see where they stand on the engineering, not pump station, but the backup generator.

**ACTION ITEM: Contact Conrad to retrieve board manual - [WATCH](#)**

So I'll take the lead on following up with Soudre Miller and where they stand on that. And I will struggle with...

By email. Any other bullets that should be there? That's enough.

[@1:16:06](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Just to follow up, we need to get, Cheryl puts manuals together for all the board members, and we, someone, I think it was Conrad, if I remember right, but he was going to get Sebastian's copy, and then Conrad has another one.

So I don't know if we want to try to get the two extra manuals that are out, one for Jim and one for Stephen, but it has all the facts about El Creston.

It really helps us a lot on our procedures, what we, our rules and regs, it's a breakdown, but in April for the, it says we're supposed to submit the quarterly financial report, which we don't no longer, Yeah, we don't do Yeah, don't very well.

We reviewed the emergency plan, and I think the secretary has the emergency plan up on the files, and then the audit is due by May 1st.

That's only if we had an audit that was being done, which we don't at this time, and then Doug already sent out the notices on the major readings.

[@1:17:26](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Yep, I have those automated off into the – basically, they're automated. I think they'll still send – because I just used the same MailChimp tool I used for our board meetings, so I think I have those all set up through the rest of the year, but I have to verify.

**ACTION ITEM: Contact Sebastian to retrieve board manual - [WATCH](#)**

[@1:17:45](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay, Liz, I think I've got Conrad's contact information, so I'll see if I can get a hold of him.

And if you can ship me Sebastian's contact information, then I'll try to follow up with him. So I'll follow up on these.

Okay. And then if I get two, I get one, and Steva gets the other one. If there's nothing else, we can reprint them.

Yeah.

[@1:18:11](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

They're large. Yeah. Getting the originals would be a good deal. That's all there is. I've got Sebastian's old phone number.

I don't know if it's current or not. To make sure that we get them both back so we get a copy of Steva.

[@1:18:34](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

In May, because our meeting will be so early, but I have to submit the annual corporate report. It's just a report that we file with the Secretary of State where we list all the, notify them of all the directors, our names, and our phone numbers.

[@1:18:54](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Okay.

[@1:18:55](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

So I'll do that in May.

[@1:18:57](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Okay. I just thought of one other thing. Normally, I present a budget actual comparison at this meeting for the first quarter, but as you saw through these, they're pretty mundane, and one quarter's worth of work.

So I'm going to suggest I bail and do that at the end of six months, when I've got a little bit more to look at.

I've been a little bit busy trying to figure out what the hell I'm supposed to do.

[@1:19:23](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

We really appreciate you taking on the role.

[@1:19:26](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

I know.

[@1:19:27](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

Thank you, Jim.

[@1:19:28](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

You're welcome.

[@1:19:29](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

you, guys. Thank you.

[@1:19:31](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Yes, definitely.

[@1:19:34](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

The situation, such as Jim had mentioned, two people have been overworked, Liz and Doug, and nobody else has really been helping that much, and I'm not trying to be demeaning to anybody else, but I'm just looking at it from my viewpoint.

My priorities, of course, will start significantly changing April 25th, Thank Thank Thank you. You And I get a new hip transplant, and everything's going to be devoted to learning to walk again.

Since it's the second time I've gone through it, it won't quite, you know, I can't imagine it's going to be as bad as it was that first time, but I don't make it a bed of roses.

So I'm glad that everybody is willing to step up the plate here, take, you know, help Doug and Liz, and do some other things here and there to make sure that this will be done easier.

[@1:20:32](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

I really appreciate it, because it feels like sometimes I'm wearing my weight, because I am still trying to work a full-time job, which sometimes is 10, 12 hours.

[@1:20:44](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

So the only thing I would add is I'd add Gene's name to that list of people who have been working their off.

[@1:20:52](#) - **Elizabeth (elcreston.org)**

Right.

[@1:20:55](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, we're making progress.

[@1:20:58](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

It's all right, true. What do we do about the board members who have not attended this meeting, aside from letting them know exactly what happened on this one, and we would appreciate their input in the future?

[@1:21:12](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, so I know Anna said she's probably going to be selling that property, so she may be stepping away.

I think last year we determined that we would be okay with six board members rather than seven, so I don't know if we would have to immediately replace her.

Matt's been participating, was acting as president, I'm not sure, he said he was not able to come to the annual meeting, he'd actually sent me an email, he was out of town, I'm not sure, I didn't hear from him about this one, but so I'll just make sure that the minutes get sent out to everybody.

[@1:21:50](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

So I have a question, do you have to, what are the requirements to be on the board?

[@1:22:00](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Get elected. There you go.

[@1:22:02](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

think there's some board training that the state requires, and I can't remember what all it was.

[@1:22:11](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, there is some training we need to go through, and that should be in that binder that we're going to try to track down.

So there will be some board training that we have to go through, but that's after you're on the board.

[@1:22:25](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@1:22:25](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

So somebody that's not a consumer can be on the board.

[@1:22:30](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Well, you're not a consumer, and I'm not a consumer. So we've already done that.

[@1:22:36](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Matt's not a consumer.

[@1:22:38](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Okay. Okay.

[@1:22:41](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I think Matt could hook up on Phase 3, but I don't know if he ever did, but he was not until Phase 3.

Was that Phase 2 or Phase 3 that went down the county road?

[@1:22:52](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Three.

[@1:22:52](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Three. Two. Two that went down the county road.

[@1:22:55](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

Three went through the loop on Coyote. Okay. Okay. So they kind of. Went in almost at the same time.

So Matt couldn't have been up until after Phase 2, but he's been on the board for a while.

[@1:23:08](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

I think you just have to be a member of El Creston, and I pay my \$75 a year to be a member.

[@1:23:16](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

And willing to contribute time. Yes, exactly.

[@1:23:22](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Okay, so you do have to be a member.

[@1:23:25](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Right.

[@1:23:25](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Okay.

[@1:23:28](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

But that's pretty easy. If somebody wants to be a member, they just sign up.

[@1:23:35](#) - **iPhone (elcreston.org)**

Anyway. As I go through life, I'll be talking to people and see if we can't rally some younger folks into this, some business-minded people.

Just let them know that there's the opportunity here and the help would be appreciated.

[@1:23:53](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**



In my experience, I've served on a lot of boards like this, and it's an ongoing problem. to people and  
To try to get people who will actually do anything. Everybody's willing to and go after what they want,  
but when they say, okay, roll up your sleeves, get on the board, they say, oh, maybe not.

[@1:24:13](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, I think we should approach Mr. Macklin about joining the board.

[@1:24:19](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

That's a possibility, yeah.

[@1:24:20](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Sure. I mean, both he and his wife were lawyers in Texas and California. So, I mean, the professional end  
of it's not a bad thing.

And if Anna, indeed, is going to step away from the board, she was a lawyer, so replacing her with  
another lawyer is probably a very good thing.

Because at times, we've needed her expertise as to the legalities of certain issues. It hasn't been a lot,  
but it's been nice having her there.

[@1:24:54](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, and I was just thinking if maybe if we approach him and say, hey, you know, if you're willing

We could certainly use your input, and then that would give him maybe a little bit of visibility of what  
goes on, because sometimes I think he doesn't understand what we are.

[@1:25:12](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

Oh, yeah. Yeah. When you're out of you're out of mind. Along that line, could I, well, after you officially  
adjourned, could I toss an idea across to everybody that's on the board?

[@1:25:28](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, go ahead, Al.

[@1:25:30](#) - [gene \(elcreston.org\)](#)

I mean, we don't have to. Okay. I'd call it input as far as it goes. You realize we're living here, and if we could find another place north of Santa Fe that has a two-station fire station with seven different pieces of operating equipment, and it's functional.

Well, that's an important part, along with a complete water system with fire hydrants, I don't think there's another room.

There's area north of Santa Fe that's got that. If you remember, when we ended our meeting, they passed the boot to contribute to the voluntary fire department.

And I got to thinking, within our situation here, when we had a fire here nine years ago, up Jim's particular valley, we had all these firefighters in here.

Fighting that from a lightning strike that happened in the middle, and the fire went up and down the valley at the same time.

And I looked at all those people fighting the fire. I was a part of the volunteer fire department at the same time, and realizing, God, there's hundreds of people out here.

They're organized. You had people running water in to the stationary vehicles fighting the fire, so that when they ran out of water, there was water to keep them continuously working.

All the volunteers are out there. Fighting the brush fires, it all got taken care of in around maybe seven to eight hours, and it was great.

**ACTION ITEM: Call Daniel Atencio re fire dept fundraiser idea (flea market sale) - [WATCH](#)**

And our contributions to the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department as a group has been exactly zero since then. So I'm just going to float an idea.

If we have a fire sale where we look at everything we've got, which has value, but it's sitting there and isn't being used, and we want to volunteer it for that sale, and all the proceeds from that sale go to the fire department, I'm just starting out the seed idea right now.

I've talked to Lillian about this. Lydia. I'm sorry, Daniel's wife, and she has just a couple of people that want to start a fire sale.

At Sheridan Fire Department, I'm saying no. You've got to go where the people are. So if we gather that stuff that we wish to donate, I've got almost no Berber carpet here that's going to go to that and some other things that have value, I think, to anybody else.

And take it down to the fire department at a set time in May. And if the fire department takes over, takes all their tables and all that stuff down to one of the flea markets in Las Vegas, has a sign built for a fire sale to benefit the Sheridan Fire Department, and all the proceeds they can get from selling that stuff goes to the fire department, that that is something that we should do out here.

Because nobody out here should be able to qualify for food stamps, if you know what I mean. There's no Elon Musk here, big deal.

But still, nearly everybody has something that's just occupying space. And even though we may have used it in the past, it would have value in a sales like something like that.

And consider what it might be. And if indeed this idea becomes a reality, what we can do to make it work better.

But I think we've got to nudge the fire department a little bit to realize if you're going to have a sale, it's got to be in Las Vegas.

And they've got to supply tables and the people to do that, along with any other volunteers we can scare up.

But I think that's an idea long overdue out here. We don't realize how good we've got it. If you could find another rural area that's got a good active fire department and water distribution with hydro.

It's north of Santa Fe. Let me know.

[@1:30:03](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

That isn't a major municipal area. Right.

[@1:30:07](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Well, I'll tell you what, Gene, I've added to my bullet list to call Daniel Atencio and lay this all out.

I would back off from – I would basically, if they're not going to take the lead on it, then probably it's not going to happen.

And so I would defer to his judgment as to whether it would be better to do it out here, downtown, or whatever, because there's a lot of logistics involved with something like that.

But I'll run the idea past Daniel and see what he says.

[@1:30:41](#) - **gene (elcreston.org)**

That's fine. But it's just something – in my case, we pulled that carpet here out a year ago just to look and make sure that nothing had happened to it.

And it's as new, practically now as it was when we had it in one One of our places there in Seattle, and I can see someone else really appreciating it and offering them some kind of money for it, and we don't need it here.

And there's other things along that line also. And yeah, Firehouse basically should take the lead here, but by the same token, they should realize they've got effort behind them.

And they are not on an island all by themselves. Everybody here should be appreciating the potential for a disaster being averted out here.

[@1:31:39](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, and I can work with the HOA too, since I'm on that board. Real quick side comment, since I'm on both boards, if there ever arises a situation where El Creston has any transactions going on with the HOA, I have to re- I

I'll recuse myself from both sides of that conversation. I can't represent both of you at the same time, but right now we don't have anything going on with that.

[@1:32:08](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

Yeah, there's seldom any time that we have anything that overlaps, but...

[@1:32:14](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Yeah.

[@1:32:15](#) - **Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)**

But just so you know, if it ever comes up, I'll have to recuse myself. Makes sense.

[@1:32:24](#) - **jim (elcreston.org)**

Anything else before our next meeting is May 1st? Yay, May Day.

[@1:32:31](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

I'll move we adjourn.

[@1:32:33](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

Second.

[@1:32:34](#) - Elizabeth (elcreston.org)

And third, fourth.

[@1:32:38](#) - iPhone (elcreston.org)

Good evening.

[@1:32:40](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

All right. I'll warn you, the recording will be a little different because my computer crashed, so I'll have to use the Fathom recording, which looks a little different, but I'll send those out once I get it all done.

[@1:32:51](#) - gene (elcreston.org)

That's fine.

[@1:32:52](#) - jim (elcreston.org)

Thanks a lot, Doug.

[@1:32:54](#) - Secretary El Creston (elcreston.org)

All right. See you. Bye. Bye. Have a good evening. evening. Have evening. Have Thank