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[00:00:00] Speaker1

That's all they do is. We just brought in a professional hacker to go through our system to see if it would break. And he couldn't get in for five days. So now they're comfortable. But my problem is, if I need updated information right away, I may have to wait 3 hours.

[00:00:14] Speaker2

Gotcha. I think I sent.

[00:00:15] Speaker3

Him the same email like six times in a row while we were on the phone.

[00:00:18] Speaker1

It was true. And I got all the other stuff, but I didn't get the certain one right choice.

[00:00:24] Speaker2

We're recording now for CRC. Yep. Okay. All righty. All right. Hello, everyone. Again, I'd like to call to order the audit committee meeting for the CRC. Rose Roll Call.

[00:00:42] Speaker3

I'd say an item here. Faye Storms is absent. And, Michael, I'm here.

[00:00:48] Speaker2

All right. Thank you. Thank you. Rose, I want to refer you to page three of our packet and take a few moments to look at the minutes from our January 26, 2022 meeting, and then I'll need a motion to pass. Approve these minutes.

[00:01:10] Speaker1

Chair. I'll make the motion to accept the minutes as presented.

[00:01:13] Speaker2

Now, second on favor. All right. Thank you. Public comment on agenda items only. No, we have no old business. And then our new business is to review the 2021 audit financial statements put together for us by UHY. And I'll invite Matt once again to give us an overview of the statements that they were prepared for us.

[00:01:43] Speaker4

Okay, Diane, thank you. So I'm going to go through the financial statements and the highlights and report any findings that we have. I have the reference to. I just want to make sure on the page numbers. What do you prefer that I use for reference when I talk?

[00:02:02] Speaker1

No, you're good, Matt. I'm up to speed. You're good. Okay. Just keep what you got going on. That's fine.

[00:02:10] Speaker4

Okay. So I want to start out just overall, just on the highlights. I mean, as far as the CRC this year, there really wasn't significant activity. It was more of a just a year that the CRC continued to kind of move forward. There were no new projects in particular that we had to look at, so it was a pretty quiet year on that front. The audit opinion is, which is on page eight and through ten of your packet, indicates that we had an unmodified opinion, a clean audit, no control findings. And we also, when you look at the document that's behind the financial statements, which is a required communication letter, indicates that there's no adjustments, no disagreements with management. The audit went well. So again, I want to thank Rose for being prepared and working with us to have an efficient audit and making sure we're on time for today's meeting. So the financial statements are in good shape. The only piece that's open right now is just finalizing for the the Paris reporting. We have a supplemental schedule in the back that rolls forward the the bond payments or bond activity that you disclose that you've dealt with in the past. And we're just making sure Roe's collects the information for us to take a look at in that supplemental schedule. Otherwise everything's good as far as where we are with the audit process and finishing up. If you look at. You just go to the right page here. It's page 12 of the packet. This just gives you a just really an overview of just where you are. If you compare 19 through 21, this is the MDNA management discussion in an analysis.

[00:04:13] Speaker4

This just shows you from an asset perspective your study and this year you're at 507,000, you were at 605,000 last year of assets. I mean, really the only major activity is that you continued your grant program for the PPE, COVID related. I think you paid out 84,000 this year. That's why the assets went down. And when you look at your expenses and why they went from 50000 to 106000, it's because of the fact that you made the decision to pay out those those grants. So that being said, that's really the only significant activity that you'll see when you go to page. And just trying to sure I up the page numbers right on page 15 of your packet you're going to see exactly what I just indicated. Do you have certain administrative fees that you charge for, for administering the program? And then you have your other expenses where in line? I think your expenses for administration bumped up a little bit. These are payments to the IDA, I think because of increased effort that's been needed to kind of make sure that you're monitoring compliance. And that's something that we saw a little bit of an uptick on expenses. And then you have the grants. Like I said previously, you had authorized about 100,000, which you have grants which you paid over the last two years. And that's why when you look at the statement of cash flows on page 16, you'll see a decrease in your operating cash of 100,000. And that's why we see the 100,000 change on your balance sheet. For a use of cash this past year.

[00:06:01] Speaker3

Matt, I'm sorry. I just wanted to clarify. Can you also touch on how we discuss the people's place and which year we put that in and why?

[00:06:10] Speaker4

Oh, yes. So. Sorry. I'm scrolling on my screen back here. There's a subsequent event footnote, which is on page 18 of 25. And the you had we read in the minutes at the end of the year in December that you had authorized a grant to a nonprofit, The People's Place for \$110,000. So one of the questions I had and my team had when we looked at that as well, should you record that in as a liability at the end of 2021 because you had authorized it? Well, when we looked at the documents and Rose provided those to us, the actual grant or the documentation to support it was not signed in and made final until 2022. So as a result, it's not a 2021 transaction. However, we did disclose it as a subsequent event. So it's important to keep in mind, while I talk about your assets of \$500,000, you also awarded 110,000. Subsequent to year end. So that's going to bring your assets just for that one transaction down 100,000. So just that's just something to keep in mind. That was something that was decided at the end of December. So that was that was actually a transaction that we did look at carefully just to make sure you didn't miss something.

[00:07:36] Speaker4

Thank you. But that's important. I mean, when you make decisions at the board level, we read the minutes to see if we find anything in there that should trigger an accounting for it. And in this case, this could easily be something that you had approved and you had someone sign it in December. And if for some reason that wasn't picked up, that would have been a control finding from an audit perspective. But because you did it correctly, there is no control finding and it's a subsequent event. So. It's key when you get big transactions or things around the around the year end that you really think hard about making sure you got the right accounting for it. And we're always available for any questions if you have something like that. Great. I think that was really what I wanted to cover. On the CRC, there's talked about it in the last meeting we have. We also have a required communication report which is behind the financial statements. I think it's like two or three pages. Page 21. Sorry, not 21. Sorry. Just trying to get to the right page. It's on. Actually I don't know if I see it in the packet was.

[00:08:56] Speaker3

Which thing are you looking for? I'm sorry.

[00:08:58] Speaker4

Just the required communication letter. Hmm.

[00:09:03] Speaker2

You know what?

[00:09:04] Speaker3

I forgot to throw that into the audit packet.

[00:09:06] Speaker2

It's in the board packet.

[00:09:08] Speaker4

Oh. Well, all of it. All of it says is that if we have a problem or have issues with carrying out the audit, we write in this letter what those are. And if we have adjustments, we have difficulties, control, we put it in the letter. But since we had none of that, there's nothing in the letter. It's pretty standard boilerplate in a previous conversation, though. On the IDA side, we talked about a new auditing standard and we talked about significant risks. This letter also includes the same two significant risks, which is management override and revenue recognition. We have no issues in any of those areas of risk. It's not a risk specific to you. It's a risk that's required. These are risks that are required under auditing standards. Right. Okay. So I think that completes my review.

[00:09:58] Speaker2

Okay. Thank you, Matt.

[00:10:00] Speaker4

You're welcome.

[00:10:00] Speaker2

Thank you, Mike. Any questions?

[00:10:03] Speaker1

No questions. Share.

[00:10:04] Speaker2

Neither do I, Joe. Anything to weigh in on?

[00:10:09] Speaker5

Same comments as in the IDA meeting. Diane. No, no. Legal issues raise. Clean audit. Good work by everyone. So Council has no comments. Thank you.

[00:10:20] Speaker2

All right. Good morning, Chair. Good to see you. You're muted, Jimmy.

[00:10:30] Speaker4

Some people would prefer that.

[00:10:36] Speaker2

I know you're just jumping on, but we were just wrapping up the CRC audit. Financial statements from you. Anything from your end, Jim?

[00:10:44] Speaker4

No, no, we don't do a tremendous amount and we're very transparent. So it's pretty much garbage in. Garbage out, I would guess. Right?

[00:10:55] Speaker2

I'll say that. All right. Again, thank you so much, Matt. This is tremendous work and very helpful. And thanks to Rose as well. I know you two work really close and in tandem to get these documents together, which is no easy feat. So I thank both of you. I think also at this point, we also need to approve the audit committee needs to approve the audited financial statements as presented today from us. So can I have a motion to do so?

[00:11:28] Speaker1

Sure. I'll make that motion to accept.

[00:11:30] Speaker2

My second on favor. All right. All right, all right. Also, like a motion to adjourn or meeting.

[00:11:40] Speaker1

Will make the motion to adjourn.

[00:11:41] Speaker2

Second. All in favor. All right. All right. Thank you, everyone.

[00:11:46] Speaker4

Thank you.

[00:11:47] Speaker2

Goodbye.

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