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March 10, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting March 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Ms. Olson, Mr. Forster and Mr. Roberts were present.

At 4:05 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission applications.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Ms. Olson Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mr. Forster Yes

At 4:32 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the February 9, 2023, regular meetings were read. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Michelle House	Yes	Yes	027-03-23

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $9,283.00. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #022-03-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $1,031.32 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #023-03-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 12 cases. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $6,718.10; motion carried. *(Resolution #024-03-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $4,740.65 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #025-03-23)*

Indigent burial: One indigent burial application for Mr. Denis Pletta was presented to the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to assist with paying $1,000.00 of the unpaid funeral expenses for Mr. Denis Pletta; motion carried. *(Resolution #026-03-23)*

RESOLUTIONS: None

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of February:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 11 old cases for a total of 12 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 83 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 321 appointments
- 78 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSO

- April 3 – April 7, 2023 - OSACVSO New Officer School (Phillipp)

OSACVSC

- March 31 – April 2, 2023 – OSACVSC New Commissioner School & Spring Conference (Roberts)
- April 1, 2023 – OSACVSC Spring Conference (Hoessle, Grassa, Olson)

EVENTS

Past:

- March 8, 2023 – Medina County Senior Network meeting, 8:00 a.m., at the Medina County Veterans Memorial Hall.

Future:

- March 10, 2023 – Veterans Benefits Briefing at 2:00 pm, at Wadsworth Soprema Sr Ctr
- March 30, 2023 – Vietnam Ceremony at 10:00 am, at Vietnam Memorial
- March 30, 2023 – Vietnam Luncheon at 11:30 am, at Veteran Memorial Hall
- March 31 – April 2, 2023 – Power Piston Show
- April 8, 2023 – Coalition Meeting at 9:00 am, at Veteran Memorial Hall
- April 19, 2023 – Veteran Benefit Briefing at 6:00 pm, at Wadsworth American Legion
- April 28, 2023 – Veterans Banquet at 5:30 pm, at Williams on the Lake
- May 8, 2023 – Brunswick Senior Brief at 11:30 am, at Brunswick Rec Center

OTHER

Travel:

- March 6-8 - Congressional Testimony: Medina County was mentioned.

- March 20-21 - Congressional Meeting on Accreditation and Pension Poachers
  (MR. ZACKERY'S TRAVEL IS AT NO EXPENSE TO MEDINA COUNTY)

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, Employee evaluation & Medina County Veterans Coalition meeting. VFW Post #5137: Membership, Honor Guard at Rittman (x2), monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Monthly meeting, monthly meeting.
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS meeting. VSO: Employee evaluations, and Monthly meeting.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): VSO: Employee evaluations and Monthly meeting.
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, charities chair, & buckeye boys state trustee, VFW Post #5137 – Honor guard, building and grounds maintenance, monthly meetings, service officer, and boy scout troop advisor, VVA – Life member, and Valor Court – Mentor
Vietnam Veterans of America (Mr. Forster): Jan: VSO meeting, VFW Winter Conference, Boys State (American Legion)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Yes, thank you letter from The National Veterans Memorial Museum in Columbus.

OLD BUSINESS

- Old van went to auction and sold
- New van tabled until July
- Building Phase II, Engineer did walk through, new drawings

NEW BUSINESS:

- Purchase file cabinet - approved
- Personnel report sent to ODVS
- Activity Report sent to ODVS
- MCVSO Commissioners Report
- Positions that need filled discussed

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:00 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 4/13/2023