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April 14, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting April 13, 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 4:06 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission applications and personnel matters.

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

At 4:58 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the March 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. Lee Arndt (Connie)	Yes	Yes	034-04-23
2. Thomas Miller	Yes	Yes	035-04-23
3. Daniel Rice (Cheryl – Widow)	Yes	Yes	036-04-23
4. Rachel Rowland	No	Yes	037-04-23

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $14,014.11. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #028-04-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $12,577.36 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #029-04-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 13 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $10,986.54; motion carried. *(Resolution #030-04-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $3,997.64 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #031-04-23)*

Dental bills were presented to the board. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to assist with paying $123.60; motion carried. *(Resolution #032-04-23)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $496.96 was presented to the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #033-04-23)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to approve appointing a new Office Manager, Sue Boggs, with a pay increase of 6.24% beginning on June 1, 2023. *(Resolution #038-04-23)*

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to approve a pay increase of 4.52% for the CVSO, Mark Phillipp, beginning on May 1, 2023 and extend the probation period for six (6) more months. *(Resolution #039-04-23)*

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to spend up to $150 for recognizing Jenna Slonaker for her service at MCVSO from the MCVSO Board Commissioners. *(Resolution #040-04-23)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of March:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 12 old cases for a total of 13 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 87 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 225 appointments
- 71 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

OSACVSO

- May 2 - 5, 2023 - Spring School (Zackery, Phillipp)
- July 20-21, 2023 – Summer Quarterly (Zackery, Phillipp)

NACVSO

- June 3 – 8, 2023 - Annual Conference (Zackery, Phillipp & Boggs-(online))

EVENTS

Past:

- 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

Future:

- 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 11:00 am, at Brunswick Rec Center

OTHER

Travel:

- 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, Vietnam ceremony, Commissioners Training-Columbus. VFW Post #5137: Membership (x3), Honor Guard at Rittman, monthly meeting. American Legion #202: Monthly meeting, worked on & finished security system for disabled vet's home, delivered American flags, Honor Guard-Rittman, flag sales & installation of flag for veteran.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS: Monthly meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting, Commissioners Training & Spring Concerence-Columbus, Hail & Farewell for employee, Benefits Brief in Wadsworth. Medina Co. Veterans Coalition meeting.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): VSO: Vietnam Veteran's ceremony, Commissioners Training-Columbus, Hail & Farewell for employee, DAV: Monthly meeting, Home Corps meeting & Joint Veteran's 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): March: American Legion Post#202, Honor Guard-Rittman. MCL 569, monthly meeting. VFW, Planning meeting. Mar/Apr: IX Center, Veteran Outreach. April: VFW, Monthly meeting. DAV, Monthly meeting. VSO, Monthly meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Yes, letter from Cuyahoga Co. VSO requesting non-support for house bill 69.
- Letter - Amber Forever Acres

OLD BUSINESS

- New van - tabled until July

- Building Phase II
    - Drawings, should have final in 30 days
- Budget was reviewed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vacation policy and compensation time were discussed

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 6:13 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT James Hoerle 5-10-23

SECRETARY Jack H Forster

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 5/11/2023