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August 11, 2023

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting August 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m. by the Vice President, Mr. Grassa, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Olson, Mr. Forster, and Mr. Roberts were present. Mr. Hoessle was absent.

At 4:00 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss Veterans Service Commission applications and personnel matters.

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

At 5:10 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the July 13, 2023, regular meeting were read. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read; motion carried.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Robert McRae	Yes	No	N/A
2. Joshua Vargo	Yes	Yes	076-08-23
3. Daniel Rice (Cheryl – Widow)	Yes	Yes	075-08-23

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $11,702.67. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #070-08-23)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $4,548.08 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #071-08-23)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 24 cases. Ms. Olson moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $12,109.57; motion carried. *(Resolution #072-08-23)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $1,600.00 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Forster seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #073-08-23)*

Dental bills were presented to the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Ms. Olson seconded the motion to assist with paying $264.20; motion carried. *(Resolution #074-08-23)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Roberts moved and Ms. Olson seconded a motion to approve the Architect rankings for the building expansion project that were rated by Ed Zackery and to be forwarded to the County Administrator; Motion carried. *(Resolution #077-08-23)*

Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to place order for MCVSO challenge coins; motion carried. *(Resolution #078-08-23)*

Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Forster seconded a motion to not fly the Merchant Marine flag due to them not being part of the one of the six service branches; motion carried. *(Resolution #079-08-23)*

Ms. Olson moved and Mr. Roberts seconded a motion to transport 20 Veterans, in our vans, to see Modern Warrior Live; motion carried. *(Resolution #080-08-23)*

Mr. Roberts moved and Mr. Forster seconded a motion for the purchase of a new van; motion carried. *(Resolution #081-08-23)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of July:

- 7 new applicants for financial assistance and 17 old cases for a total of 24 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 61 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 190 appointments
- 64 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

- Sept. 26, 2023 - CPR & AED training (Phillipp)

OSACVSO

- Sept. 13 - 15, 2023 – Fall School (Zackery, Phillipp)

EVENTS

Past:

- July 31, 2023 – Veteran's Day at the Fair from noon - 4:00 pm

- July 31 – August 6, 2023 – Medina County Fair – manned booth
- August 6, 2023 – Brunswick historical dedication at 4:00 pm

Future:

- September 28, 2023 – Wayne/Medina Co Community Action Resource Fair
- October 13, 2023 – Wadsworth Senior Expo at Wadsworth Soprema Center
- October 14, 2023 – Veterans Resource Fair at VFW Post #5137
- October 25, 2023 – Veteran's Breakfast at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, attended 100 yr old party, OSACVSC training in Columbus, manned fair booth (x3). VFW Post #5137: monthly meeting, membership. American Legion #202: Monthly meeting, work on golf outing (x2), paper shredding (x2). Medina Veterans Hall: worked on projection system, MOFW presentation to veterans, Board meeting.
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting, attended OSACVSC training in Columbus, worked at Veterans Day at the fair, manned fair booth.
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Ms. Olson): DAV meeting, Healing Hooves program event, Veteran's Fair event, fair booth (x2), VSO Commissioner meeting, Home Corps meeting, American Legion #202 meeting, Meals for VFWs in county coordination, Veteran's mental health assistance.
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, charities chair, & Buckeye Boys State. 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): VSO - meeting, Valor Court, Medina Fair booth; VFW – steak roast, Honor Guard in Rittman, attended funeral; AL – meeting; Marine Corps: fair, MCL Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: NACO – the Courthouse will be lit in green in November for Veteran's Day
- Received a card explaining new hearing aid app.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed purchasing a new van – cost vs size
- Ed explained and reviewed the architect proposals grading sheets
- We are low on MCVSO challenge coins and would like to order more
- PACT Act Resource Fair

NEW BUSINESS:

- Flags and cemetery markers – CENTEC having supply issues
- Veterans Day Fair Sponsor
- Merchant Marine flag – should it be flown with other flags
- MCVSO Mid-year report is online

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.

- The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 6:04 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Forster moved, and Ms. Olson seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ 9-11-23

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 9/11/2023