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August 9, 2024

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting August 8, 2024

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, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Schwehm, and Mr. Roberts were present.

At 4:06 p.m., Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential business information of applicants for financial assistance, security matters, and personnel matters. Motion carried.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mr. Lawrence Yes
Mr. Schwehm Yes

At 4:25 p.m., executive session ended.

The minutes from the July 11, 2024, regular meeting were read. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Whitney Walp	Yes	Yes	072-08-24
2. Gerald Schendel	No	No	

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $7,801.97. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #068-08-24)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $588.47 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #069-08-24)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 20 cases. Mr. Hoessle moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $19,404.15; motion carried. *(Resolution #070-08-24)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $14,269.91 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #071-08-24)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of July 2024:

- 2 new applicants for financial assistance and 18 old cases for a total of 20 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 63 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 173 appointments
- 76 van riders

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO

- July 18 - 19, 2024 – OSACVSO Summer Quarterly

EVENTS

Past:

- July 13, 2024 – Coalition meeting
- July 29, 2024 – Veterans Day at the Fair
- July 29 – Aug. 4, 2024 – Medina County Fair

Future:

- August 14, 2024 – Benefit Briefing
- August 21, 2024 – Business at the Barn
- August 24, 2024 – Veterans Among Us
- October 12-13, 2024 – Fall Foliage Tour
- November 9, 2024 – Veteran event at Memorial Hall

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, Columbus training, County Fair (x2). American Legion #202: Western Reserve National Cemetery Honor Guard (x2).
AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): AMVETS: monthly meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting, county fair (x3)
Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting, walk through of VSO building expansion / remodeling, veteran commissioners conference in Columbus and booth at Medina fair. VVA Chapter # 385: Life member, no monthly meeting, 2nd Vice President, Executive committee. VFW Post # 5137: Life member,

monthly meeting, Honor Guard, event at Commander Mike Romans house and made Friday night dinner for 30 people. DAV Post # 72: Life member. American Legion Post # 202: Annual member.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202 – Honor guard, monthly meeting, Buckeye Boys State. VFW Post #5137 – Honor guard, building and grounds maintenance, service officer, all meetings. VVA – Life member.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Monthly meeting, Memorial Day parade, present US flag pins to H.S. Buglers, breakfast with Women Veterans of Medina County. VSO: Monthly meeting, New commissioners training in Columbus, County Fair (x2).

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: None
- Email: None

OLD BUSINESS

- Building Phase II: Brick on front of building
- Completing security contract
- Working on IT/AV for building
- OUPS – August 15-17, 2024
- Guitars for Vets contract sent to Prosecutor's Office for review

NEW BUSINESS:

- NE Ohio Commissioners brief on ORC

At 4:55 p.m., Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Hoessle seconded a motion to enter executive session again to discuss confidential business information of an applicant for financial assistance. Motion carried.

Mr. Grassa Yes
Mr. Roberts Yes
Mr. Lawrence Yes
Mr. Schwehm Yes

At 5:13 p.m., executive session ended.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
3. William Michaels	Yes	No	

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:20 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT Lynn Hamlin

SECRETARY Mark A. Nott

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 09/09/2024