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April 11, 2025

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting April 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by the President, Mr. Hoessle, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Grassa, Mr. Schwehm, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Roberts were present.

The minutes from the March 13, 2025, regular meeting were read. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission:

Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1. Michael Frank (Margaret)	No	Yes	041-04-25
2. Facemire, Daniel	Yes	Yes	042-04-25
3. Blackburn, Lonnie	No	Yes	043-04-25

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $12,480.53. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #035-04-25)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $8,315.09 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #036-04-25)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 24 cases. Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $17,595.16; motion carried. *(Resolution #037-04-25)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $6,875.64 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 #038-04-25)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $525.36 was presented to the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #039-04-25)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to approve the update to the MCVSO Public Records Policy dated April 2025. Motion passed. *(Resolution #040-04-25)*

Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to approve spending up to $500.00 for food for the SeniorNet meeting scheduled for 05/14/2025 at our office. Motion passed. *(Resolution #044-04-25)*

Mr. Grassa moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to approve spending up to $6,500.00 to have Kotecki Monuments clean and repair the Vietnam memorial. Motion passed. *(Resolution #045-04-25)*

Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to approve spending up to $5,000.00 for outreach marketing material/handouts. Motion passed. *(Resolution #046-04-25)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of March 2025:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 23 old cases for a total of 24 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 64 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 195 appointments
- 76 van riders
- 2 Veterans at Next Step Up (Medina County shelter)

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO:

April 30 – May 2, 2025 – OSACVSO Spring School – Ed & Mark
July 13 – 19, 2025 – NACVSO Conference – Ed & Mark in person, Danielle & Sue online
Online training: Nepotism, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

CVSC:

Online training: Nepotism, Communicating in a Crisis, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

EVENTS

Past:

- March 26, 2025 – Brunswick Senior Expo and Bake off
- March 27, 2025 – Vietnam Day ceremony & luncheon
- March 28-30, 2025 – Power Piston Show at IX Center

Future:

- April 25, 2025 – Veterans Banquet
- May 14, 2025 – Senior Net Meeting (at MCVSO)
- May 16, 2025 – Merchant Marine Plaque Dedication at Chippewa Lake
- May 21, 2025 – Senior Day – Medina County Community Center

Programs:

- Unleashed Creativity (Art class)
- Reflexology
- tED Talks
- Tai Chi
- Nature Walks
- VA Outreach nurses weekly
- VA Mental Health group sessions (2 times a month)
- Money management
- Suicide training

TRAVEL

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting, assisted at VSO, Vietnam celebration & luncheon, commissioner training in Columbus. American Legion: Monthly meeting, assisted veteran in need to obtain a ramp for house.. VFW: Monthly meeting, Life Member.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting. AMVETS: Monthly meeting. Memorial Hall board meeting. Volition meeting.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting, Veteran book signing, commissioner training in Columbus. VVA #385: Life member, Vietnam memorial ceremony & lunch. VFW Post #5137: Life member, monthly meeting, Honor Guard, fish fry, helping a veteran program, manned booth at Power Piston show at IX center. DAV Post #72: Life member. American Legion #202: Annual member.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202: Honor guard, life member, Buckeye Boys State. VFW Post #5137: Honor Guard, building and grounds maintenance, life member, and boy scout troop advisor, monthly meeting. VVA: Life member. Valor Court: Mentor. VSO: Monthly meeting.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: District meeting prep, monthly meeting. VSO: Monthly meeting, commissioner training in Columbus.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: The Sotherlands – thank you card.
- Received 5 - $50.00 Walmart gift cards from the DAVA #72.
- Email: None

OLD BUSINESS

- Will begin offering Meijer food cards May 1, 2025
- New thermostats were installed
- Vietnam Memorial paver cleaning scheduled for April 14, 2025
- There is a cracked tile in the hallway, plants on north side of the building have died & need replaced, emergency lighting throughout building isn't working

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vietnam Memorial monument cleaning & repaired scheduled with Kotecki. Asked 2 other companies & they declined the job, so did county maintenance.
- Need $5,000 for marketing giveaways
- Re-did flags at Beebetown cemetery
- Flag distribution for Memorial Day scheduled.
- Homeless policy draft review
- Medina Co. Veterans Memorial Fund donated supplies for homeless bags
- Discussed Salute magazine
- Printing Spring newsletters
- May 3rd is Day of Service for the VFW

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 5:39 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Grassa seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT James Haessle 5-8-25

SECRETARY Mark A Roberts

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 5/8/2025