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STORY COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Date: June 8th, 2020 @ 11:32 AM

Location: **Conference call meeting on number 918-221-0224, Meeting ID 2225929465#** (Due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via conference call.)

Roll Call: Director Brett McLain, CVSO, Erin Rewerts, Chair Pat Peakin, Nic Briseño, Luke Vance, Monty Woodward Secretary: Amy Rosenberg.

1. Call to Order at 11:32 AM
2. Nic made motion to approve May minutes, Luke seconds, minutes approved.
3. Certification and approval of claims—No claims
4. Directors monthly report was approved
5. Gift card program. March numbers were way up.
6. Elections of officers on the board. Changes will be effective July
 - a) Monty will be board chair
 - b) Nic will be vice chair
 - c) Luke will be secretary
7. Newsletters. 776 newsletters were e mailed, 2,707 were physically mailed. \$2,569.88 was spent to mail the newsletter.
8. Income increase was successful. Increased it by 10% so that we can help more veterans.
9. VA Benefits Manual. Commission signed the benefits manual after changes that were made to mirror the 34b manual.
10. County Vietnam Veterans memorial. The VVA group wants to put a new memorial at Deacons lake. The story county VA commission will support this effort.
11. Commission goals. Are there goals for the commission between meetings?

Commission Remarks

1. Next Commission meeting Monday July 8th at 11:30, in the Ames office or via conference call if necessary.
2. Brett brought up having a veteran case manager. If we had a case manager, we could work closer with veterans with budgeting, housing, transportation, and job coach. Veterans who don't have a mental health diagnosis have a harder time getting assistance with these things.
3. Amy made a motion to adjourn, Nic seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:40pm