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Minutes

Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs
Tuesday July 12, 2022
Story County Veterans Affairs @ 1600
126 South Kellogg Suite 001, Conference Room Ames

Roll Call: Director, Brett McLain, Monty Woodward (phone), Vice Chair: Nic Briseño, Secretary: Luke Vance (phone), Amy Rosenberg, Erin Rewerts

Open Meeting, 1600: Pledge to the Flag, moment of silence.

Guests: Malissa Anderson, Support Staff – Malissa helps with database, website, and proofreading.

1. **Meeting Minutes June 14, 2022 – Beth** – Monty makes motion to approve minutes. Beth seconds. Motion carries.
2. **Certification and approval of claims** – None.
3. **Director's Monthly Report** – 88% of funds expended.
4. **New Business:**
 - i. **Election of Commissioners, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – Monty:**
 - Chair – Nic Briseño nominated by Amy. Beth seconds. Motion carries.
 - Vice Chair – Luke Vance nominated by Nic. Monty seconds. Motion carries.
 - Secretary – Beth Hartmann nominated by Amy. Monty seconds. Motion carries.
 - ii. **Meeting dates and times – Beth:** Adjust future meetings to second Monday at 1600.
 - iii. **Budget FY 22/23 – Brett:** Budget presented.
 - iv. **CBOC Vicinity of Ames Planning phase 24 months – Brett:** Board wrote a support letter. Received a letter back.
 - v. **Hometown Outreach planned, Colo and Slater in August:** Colo 10 August, Slater 24 August
 - vi. **NACVSO update – Erin, Brett:** Erin attended the event in San Antonio; Brett attended virtually. Big topic was PACT Act of 2022, expands healthcare claims to Veterans. Implementation probably not until 2024. Good training and good information.
 - vii. **IACVSO Commission school October 10, 2022:** All are encouraged to save the date. Also, District 5 Commissioner/Board of Supervisors training August 12 in Humboldt. Nic, Monty, and Amy planning to attend.
 - viii. **H Wave – Hanna Hanson VA Specialist Supermarket invite:** Veteran-owned business, pain management device.
 - ix. **Iowa Veterans Home update:** Looking for dog donations to serve as therapy dogs. Weekend shifts for food service are working well. Looking for nurses for Friday-Sunday. Resident population is 390, ages 51-102.

- x. **VA Health Care update:** August 3rd. Red, White, Blue, and Gold teams will be at the Southridge.
 - xi. **Missing in America:** Five recently found; three surviving spouses and two Veterans to Van Meter.
 - xii. **Polk County Virtual hearings:** All federal court claims have a virtual option.
 - xiii. **Vietnam traveling wall:** At Meskwaki August 6th. At Iowa Veterans Home during second week of August.
 - xiv. **VVA Story County Chapter 1102:** Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter has voted to disband end of summer, leaving only seven chapters in Iowa.
 - xv. **Purple Heart Day is August 7th.** Proclamation will be on August 2nd.
5. **Old Business:**
- i. **Income Guidelines 100 %** - Approved by Board of Supervisors.
6. **Inputs, ideas from the Commission and updates**
- i. **Updates** – Any manual updates must be approved. Make sure to get those in for discussion.
 - ii. **Amy** – Recommend we get a consistent conference call phone number and/or virtual link.
 - iii. **Beth** – Meeting with Rita Case, ISU Veterans Center Director, to discuss ISU student event for fall.
 - iv. **Brett** - Nic will attend Board Meeting next Tuesday with Brett as new Chair. Brett will present the Quarterly Report.
7. **Next meeting Monday August 8, 2022 at 4 pm (1600) at Story County Veterans Affairs.**
8. **Motion to Adjourn, 1710.** Luke makes a motion. Amy seconds. Motion carries.