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8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

1st QUARTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2022

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Ronnie Hicks. The Pledge of Allegiance was completed.

Officers Present: Ronnie Hicks, Phillip Witt, Kate Broadhurst, Ron Swaim, Vernon Leclaire, Earl Watts, and Larry Meisenheimer (7 total).

Officers Excused: Mark Nelson, (1 total).

Officers Absent: Dr. Mike Harbison, Tom Hoppenrath (2 total).

VAC Office: Superintendent Brad Lavite, Office Manager Brad Yount (2 total).

Posts Represented: AL 126, 199, 214, 307, 439, 708 (6); AMVETS (0); DAV (0); MCL 1160 (0); VFW 976, 1308, 2222, 5691, 5694, 7678 (6); (12 total).

2. Introductions

- a. No Guest Speaker or Members of the Public Present.

Approval of Minutes

- a. The December 16, 2021 Annual Minutes were read as published. Motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Ron Swaim. Motion was seconded by Earl Watts. Motion passed.

3. Reports

- a. Office Reports – The 1st Quarter Board Summary Report was presented by line items. Superintendent Lavite discussed VAC Financial Assistance, Case Work and Secondary Services, and Outreach Program totals. Motion was made to accept the reports as published by Phil Witt. Motion was seconded by Ronnie Hicks. Motion passed.

4. IACVAC

- a. Board President Ronnie Hicks, Vice President Earl Watts, and Superintendent Brad Lavite will attend the IACO / IACVAC Spring Conference, May 11-13, 2022 in Springfield, IL.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussed VAC Website, Outreach and Events, and Board Reports Page is in the final stage of completion.
- b. Discussed availability of 2022 Monument and Memorials, VSO Repair and Reconstruction Grants and Electronic Application forms currently in development. Expect digital application availability in the 2nd Quarter.

- c. Discussed completion of 2022 Letter of Intent requiring signatures from President Ronnie Hicks and Secretary Kate Broadhurst. Executive Board Virtual Meetings have slowed down VAC paper filings which require signatures from Board Members this year. Discussed Completing Illinois State Detail Report with Secretary of State by Registered Agent Tom Hoppenrath, due prior to May 1, 2022.

6. New Business

- a. Pursuant to Illinois General Assembly Public Act 099-0853. Section. 9. Veterans Assistance Commission, FY 2022-2023 Post Delegate and Alternate Certifications.
 - 1. Recognition of currently serving Delegates and Alternates of Posts.
 - 2. Recognition of newly appointed Delegates and Alternates as legal and official representatives of Posts for the New Year.
 - 3. Vote taken by currently serving Delegates to recognize seating of newly appointed Delegates and Alternates for the new fiscal year. (Alternate votes only if Delegate is absent)*.
- b. Discussed VAC Open House tentatively planned for May 2022.
- c. Discussed possibility of Board Meeting Location Rotation.

7. Next FY 2022 Meeting Date and Time

- a. Quarterly Meetings: Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Annual Meeting: Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

8. Good of the Commission – Membership shall be permitted to address any subject, topic, or Matter of interest, save religion or partisan politics.

- a. Ron Swaim shared about the 4,000 service men and women deploying in support of Ukraine

9. Adjournment – Kate Broadhurst Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ron Swaim. Motion Passed. A salute was made to the U.S. flag. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Office Manager, Bradley M. Yount / March 17, 2022