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

2nd QUARTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 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, Ken Morales, Earl Watts, Kate Broadhurst, Larry Meisenheimer, Mark Nelson, Ron Swaim, Vernon Leclair (7 total).

Officers Excused: (0 total).

Officers Absent: Dr. Mike Harbison (1 total).

VAC Office: Superintendent Brad Lavite (1 total).

Posts Represented: AL 126, 199, 214, 307, 354, 439, 708 (7); AMVETS (0); DAV (1); MCL 1160 (1); VFW 1299, 1308, 2222, 5691, 5694, 7678 (6); (15 total).

2. Introductions

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

Approval of Minutes

- a. The March 17, 2022 1st Quarter Board Minutes were read as published. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed.

3. Reports

- a. Office Reports – The 2nd Quarter Board Summary Report was presented by line items. Superintendent Lavite discussed VAC Financial Assistance, Case Work and Outreach Program totals. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as published. Motion passed.

4. IACVAC

- a. Vice President Earl Watts, Secretary Kate Broadhurst, and Superintendent Lavite attended IACO/IACVAC Spring Conference from May 11- May 13 in Springfield, IL.
- b. Superintendent Brad Lavite and VSO Jeremy Lile attended NACVSO National Conference and annual CEU training in San Antonio, Texas June 5 – June 10, 2022. It was noted this was the 1st National Conference that members of the VAC attended since Superintendent Darrel Seim was founding member of the organization.
- c. Superintendent Brad Lavite will present at Accreditation Training on September 19 to September 23, 2022, in East Peoria, IL over disability savings accounts.
- d. Office Manager Brad Yount and VSOs Torie Ryan, and Indira James will attend CEU Training on September 19 to September 23, 2022, in East Peoria, IL.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Monument and Memorial Grant applications were discussed and several Post have expressed interest. Superintendent Lavite will assist anyone interested in applying.

6. New Business

- a. VAC Finance and Operation presentation was discussed and with the signing of the Military Veterans Assistance Act Amendment in May by the Governor an increase in the 2023 Levy is likely. Planning has been in the works since the beginning of year and is based off previously developed and passed finance committee presentations. This year plan and budget will be presented to the full Executive Board vs having to produce and present a separate presentation. County 2023 Budget Schedule will be published mid-July.
- b. Various outreach events are planned with VFW Post 1308 including computer coding classes and board game nights' dates and times TBD. Food will be provided for those attending.

7. Next FY 2022 Meeting Date and Time

- a. Quarterly Meetings: 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. None

9. Adjournment – Motioned to adjourn the meeting was made and duly seconded. Motion Passed and the chair declared the meeting adjourned. A salute was made to the U.S. flag.

Recording Secretary, Kate Broadhurst / June 16, 2022