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**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF
THE VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF MADISON COUNTY, INC.**

Pursuant to call and notice to all Executive Board officers and directors of the Veterans' Assistance Commission of Madison County, Inc. (VACMC), the monthly meeting of officers and directors was held as follows:

Date: August 02, 2023 Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Suite 115, Administration Building, 157 North Main Street, Edwardsville, Illinois
Chairman of the Meeting: President Ronnie Hicks
Secretary of the Meeting: Secretary Kate Broadhurst

The chairman called the meeting to order and directed all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. The chairman then called for a chaplain to give an opening prayer. At the conclusion of the opening prayer, the chairman requested the secretary to call the roll of seated Executive Board officers and directors. The secretary reported that there were eight (8) officers and directors present. A copy of the roll call results is appended to these minutes. In accordance with Art. VI, §2 of the bylaws, there being six (6) or more officers and directors attending, the chairman declared a quorum present and that the meeting was lawfully and properly convened and competent to proceed to the transaction of further business.

The chairman announced that the proposed minutes of the July 05, 2023, meeting, having been distributed and read, called for a motion to approve and to file them for future reference. Thereupon, on motion made by Ron Swaim, seconded by Larry Meisenheimer, and carried by at least a majority of the officers and the directors entitled to vote, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the proposed minutes of the July 03, 2023, monthly meeting as proposed, are hereby fully approved, ratified, and affirmed as the Board's official record of the proceedings at that meeting. The secretary is directed to provide a final copy of the same with all approved changes to be filed in the corporate records for future reference.

The chairman then called for presentation of the August 2023 Financial Report by the superintendent and stated that a copy thereof had been distributed to each of the officers and the directors prior to the meeting. After the superintendent's presentation, the chairman called for a motion to approve and to file the report for future reference. Thereupon, on motion made by Ron Swaim, seconded by Ken Morales, and carried by at least a majority of the officers and the directors entitled to vote, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the report of the superintendent on the August 2023 Financial Report and the acts of the superintendent as described in that report are hereby fully approved, ratified, and affirmed.

The chairman then called for the superintendent to provide any other information or activity which he deemed to be of interest to the Commission. He reported the following:

- a. Superintendent Lavite discussed Outreach support - community programs and volunteerism; he specifically spoke about the importance of the DAV Medical Transportation Network.
 1. https://www.madisoncountyiil.gov/departments/veterans_assistance_commission/outreach.php
- b. Superintendent Lavite discussed how anyone interested in learning more about volunteering can use the electronic sign-up form and that their names and contact information will be passed on to the lead agency/entity looking for volunteers.
 1. <https://forms.gle/RGqVqSL5kaZoehmL9>

The chairman then called for any unfinished or old business that needed to be addressed and called for any officer or director to be recognized if they had any unfinished or old business they wished the Executive Board to address.

- a. A brief discussion ensued about the VA Vet Center/VAC Weekly Veteran Outreach, and Board members and veterans were encouraged to attend. Board members who attend the Outreach spoke to the benefits of getting and staying plugged into a group. Superintendent Lavite provided the days, times, and locations of the Outreach and advised all in attendance the information also can be found on our VACMC website.
 1. Co-hosted Weekly VA Vet Center/VAC Community Veteran Outreach Group
 - a.) 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. at Woodlands Golf Course - 2839 Harris Lane, Alton, IL 62002
 - b.) 3rd Thursday @ 10:00 a.m. at Hickory Grove Restaurant - 201 East Center Drive, Godfrey, IL 62035
 - 1.) https://www.madisoncountyiil.gov/departments/veterans_assistance_commission/outreach.php
- b. It was pointed out that Lewis and Clark Community College will be hosting a public exhibition entitled "Unfiltered Lens: Civil Rights Movement and Vietnam War Through the Eyes of Robert J. Ellison" August 14 to 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the college's Godfrey Campus in the Hatheway Gallery Hall.
- c. Larry Meisenheimer was recognized and made a motion, and it was seconded by Ron Swaim, to purchase a patriotic plaque for Director Dr. Mike Harbison for all his work serving his fellow veterans and for his time with the VACMC. Motion duly carried by voice vote.

No additional officers or directors requested to be recognized.

The chairman then called for any member of the public who wished to address the Executive Board under the Open Meetings Act to be recognized.

No member of the public requested to be recognized.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Board at this regular Executive Board meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. upon motion made by Larry Meisenheimer, seconded by Ron Swaim, and duly carried by voice vote.

Kate Broadhurst, Secretary