

Commission Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Delegates and Alternates:

Delegates:

John Fulton, Chair
Steve Hlavach
Tim Rehmer

Larry Blanchette, Vice
Mike Pitts

Rich Kuyper
Donald Anderson

Alternates:

Mike Peeken
Ken Brooks

Leslie Hayden

Bruce Wood

Staff:

Michael Roof

Karen Smietanski

Public Comment:

Reading and Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes:

- After a review of the Commission Minutes from the March, a motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2nd by Tim Rehmer to accept the reports as presented. There was no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, Motion carried.

Township/Financial Reports:

- After a review of the financial reports for the month of March, a motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Rich Kuyper to accept the reports as presented. There was no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, Motion carried.

Superintendents Report:

- Michael Roof reviewed the superintendent's report for March/April. Not included on the report but discussed at this time was a meeting with Grant Swinger and John Jones in regards to Pension Poachers and the Aid and Attendance Benefit, a trip to A SafeHaven, and donated White Sox tickets. A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2nd by Larry Blanchette to approve the minutes as presented. There was no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Transportation:
Michael is working on another grant for a bus for transporting veterans to Hines. Everyone has a copy of the "Driver's Standard Operating Procedures". These need to have an approval to go to the grant committee. A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Rich Kuyper to approve the "Driver's Standard Operating Procedures" with a few minor changes that were presented. There was no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, motion carried. A copy of this will be in the bus as well as gone over with each driver.
Secondly, Michael needs to be appointed as being the contact and grant coordinator for the bus grant. A resolution is attached to make Michael that designee. A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Larry Blanchette to accept the resolution as presented. There was no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, motion carried.

New Business:

- By laws. Michael discussed the outcome of the latest in the court battles of the Grundy County VAC. As of the last findings both VAC's are invalid because neither of them have EACH veteran service organization represented on its board. The IACVAC has brought bills before the Illinois house to change the wording in the military assistance act to alleviate the need for EACH, changing it to the majority of the veteran service organizations.

For the good of the order:

None

A motion was made to adjourn by Mike Pitts, 2nd by Ken Brooks. With no further discussion, upon unanimous vote, Motion carried...the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Smietanski, Assistant Superintendent, Veterans Assistance Commission of Kankakee County 05062016