

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
FOR  
July 25, 2023**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer
4. Roll call of Officers
  - David Allen** (MCL) Chair, **Stan Bobka** (MCL 1253) Vice Chair, MCL 1253 – Guest: Rich Kuyper, : Skip Myers
  - DAV 34 - D: **Stan Olenjack** A-Ed Peters (excused)
  - AL 1164 – D: **Larry Blanchette**, A- **Tim Rehmer**
  - AL 1019 – D: **Karl Fritzgerald** A – **Jim Wasser**
  - AL 408 – D- Nic Smith (excused) A-**Mark Louis Warpet**,
  - AL 755 – D: **Dan Horton** A: **Joe Gaca**
  - AL 766 – D: **Wayne Burgess**
  - AL 85 – D: **Mike Pitts**
  - AmVets 107 – D: **Tom Page** A: Richard Van Pelt absent
  - VFW 9961 – **Manny Quinto** A: **Tom Nelson**
  - VFW 2857 - D: **Roger Bean** A: Nick Monacelli (excused)
  - Office staff: Mike Peeken, Superintendent, Karen Smietanski, David McCleery
  - Guests: John Kraft and Allison Henson.
5. Public Comment Guest John Kraft (Edgar County watchdogs)
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the June Commission Meeting
  - A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Bean to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Go into Executive Session to review claims and as per 5 ILCS 120/2 ©(2)
  - A motion was made by Stan Olenjack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Warpet to go into Executive Session. Motion carried.
8. Motion to come out of Executive Session
  - A motion was made Roger Bean, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Pitts to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.
9. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
  - A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Bobka to approve all Financial Business. Motion carried.
10. Report of Committee – By Laws committee met. Will be reviewed under old business
  - Need to set up a budget committee meeting.
11. Approval of Office Report July
  - The office report was discussed. A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Bobka to approve the office report. Motion carried.
12. Old Business
  - Discussion of the expansion update. Everyone received basic 50% plan
  - By-Laws were reviewed. Roger made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Bobka to table the vote until all members of the board felt full informed since some weren't there last month. All were asked to take to their service organization and review. Motion carried.
13. New Business
  - Discussion on the public comment and by-laws concerning the Chairman's vote and delegate position.
  - We will take this to the attorney for finalization and corrective actions taken as such.
14. Retire Colors
15. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Olenjack to adjourn. Motion carried.