# July 10, 2024 - VACWC Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Kan VanLandeghem
George Meissen
John Kline – via Zoom
Donald Reynolds
Stephanie Gilberto
Terrell Lewis
Eric Willard
Nancy Clark
Gene Schaefer – via Zoom
John Hood
Jesus Pereira – Superintendent VAC
Debra Hoover – VACWC Secretary
We had enough attendees to meet the requirements of a forum.

Guests:

Francesca Montanez – VAC
Nikki Green
Marcus Smith – State Farm
David Leonardis – US Army Veteran

Meeting opened at 1530 hours

- Vote was taken to allow Zoom members to join meeting
  - Motion – T. Lewis 2nd – D. Reynolds – unanimous vote Yes
- Reading of prior months minutes
  - Motion to accept – N. Clark 2nd – T. Lewis – unanimous vote Yes
- Presidents report – President D. Davis was excused from meeting – N. Clark gave report
- Administrative Coordinator Report – read by N. Clark
  - Advise of upcoming meeting dates
- Appeals Committee – No report
- Services Coordinator – T. Lewis stood in for L. McCants
  - J. Pereira discussed changes made to Service Manual
  - Vote was taken to accept changes – unanimous vote Yes
- Meeting was suspended at 1752 hours to attend to an issue
- Meeting was resumed at 1756 hours
- Personnel Coordinator – No report
- Finance Coordinator – Terrell Lewis
  - Gave FY Report
  - Budget update – Submitted $1.6M budget to County in May 2024
  - Discussed changes to Finance Manual
    - Under MVAA all changes must be approved before setting in place

- Motion to approve changes – T. Lewis 2nd – J. Hood – unanimous vote Yes
- Superintendent Report – Jesus Pereira (JP)
  - Office Updates
    - New VSO – Luz Ortiz-Rivera
    - New Administrative Assistance – Mayra Toral
  - Presented VAC reports including general assistance, emergency assistance and transportation
  - Outreach – discussed Winnebago County Fair August 14 – 18, 2024
  - Discussed prospective rental locations
    - Point of order – J. Pereira may negotiate only - any chosen location must be approved by commission
  - Discussed Financial Literacy Program for our veterans on FA
  - Motion to approve superintendent report T. Lewis 2nd – J. Kline - Unanimous vote – yes
- No Correspondence
- No Unfinished Business
- New Business
  - Veteran friendly banking institution search still in progress
  - JP discussed the changed/upgrades that the VAC is making in VetraSpec
- Veteran Community Events
  - Veterans Stand Down Friday, October 24, 2024
  - Gold Star Mission September 24-28, 2024
- Closing Ceremonies
- Announce next meeting August 14, 2024
  - Motion to adjourn meeting N. Clark 2nd – G. Meissen – unanimous vote - yes
  - Unanimous vote – yes
- Meeting adjourned 1826 hours