Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County Commission Meeting
October 9, 2024

Meeting Opened: 1730 hours - 5:30 pm

Attendees:

Board Members	**Guests**
Terrell Lewis – President	Jesus Pereira – Superintendent
Nancy Clark – Administrative Coordinator	Debra Hoover – VACWC Secretary
Eric Willard – Finance Coordinator	Francesca Montanez – VACWC
Lana McCants – Service and Personnel Coordinator	Mayra Toral – VACWC
Gary Holmes	Luz Ortiz-Rivera – VACWC
Dave Davis	Timothy Hotchkiss – VACWC
George Meissen	Willie Borden – VACWC
Todd Burton	Crystal DesRoberts – Guest
Reuben Hernandez	Julie Weis – Guest
Gene Schaefer	Kristine Spivey – Guest
Ken VanLandeghem	Gary Christopher – Guest
Donald Reynolds	Ray Richmond – Guest
Todd Burton	Theresa – Guest – Via Zoom

- Motion to Allow Zoom Attendees: Nancy Clark 2nd – Gary Holmes – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Elected Official Roll Call – 13 attendees from 12 units
- Motion to Waive reading of Agenda: Todd Burton 2nd – Lana McCants – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Motion to Waive reading of Minutes: Rueben Hernandez 2nd – Stephanie Gilberto – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Public Comments: No public comments
- Motion to accept minutes as presented: Gary Holmes 2nd – Dave Davis – Voice Vote Unanimous

Presidents Report – Terrell Lewis – Welcome

- If you get any questions from the press regarding the current budget issue please refer to Superintendent Jesus Pereira
- Attending County Meetings with Superintendent: Budget, Lobbyists, County Chairman
- Validation Records

Nancy Clark added:

- Delegate and Alternate letter will be sent in December for January submission
- Complete OMA and FOIA training within 90 days
- Confidentiality Agreement
    - Do not speak outside of the commission

Admin Coordinator Report – Nancy Clark

- Presented dates for upcoming meetings

Services and Personnel Coordinator – Lana McCants – No Report

Finance Coordinator – Eric Willard

- We are at 3.2% of our expenditures
- Dave Davis asked how much $ have we set aside to ensure we are not using it?
    - $170,000 set aside – Jesus Pereira

Superintendent Report – Jesus Pereira

- Reported on VAC business
    - Office update – new VSO hires Timothy Hotchkiss and Willie Borden Jr.
    - NACVSO Training in January 2025
    - October: 45 veterans served, 26 VA to Madison Transport, $57K retro pay out , $35K EA/FA, 864 incoming calls
    - Need for additional volunteers for VA Transportation Program
        - Gene Schaefer explained volunteer drivers parameters for VA Transportation Program

No Correspondence

Unfinished Business

- Continue search for Veteran friendly banking institution
- Continued work on streamlining VetraSpec

New Business

- Use of personal phones and computers for VACWC business – looking into County providing phones/computers and e-mail address for elected officers

Closing: Next Full Commission Meeting 12/11/2024 – 5:30 pm – 555 N. Court St., Room 115, Rockford

Commencement of Meeting - 1803

- Motion to adjourn Lana McCants 2nd by Gary Holmes
- Voice Vote: Yes - unanimous