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

Meeting Opened: 1731 hours - 5:31 pm

Attendees:
Dave Davis – President
Terrell Lewis – Finance Coordinator
Nancy Clark – Administrative Coordinator
Lana McCants – Service and Personnel Coordinator
Ken VanLandegham
Gary Holmes
George Meissen
John Kline – Zoom
Eric Willard
Jerome Egilske
Reuben Hernandez
Dave Drager
Gene Schaefer
Jesus Pereira - Superintendent
Debra Hoover – VACWC Secretary
Francesca Montanez – Guest – VACWC
Mayra Toral – Guest – VACWC
Luz Ortiz-Rivera – Guest – VACWC
Michael Phillips – Attorney for VACWC

Installation of FY 2025 Newly Elected Officers: Sworn in by Current President A.C. Dave Davis

- Terrell Lewis – President
- Eric Willard – Finance Coordinator
- Nancy Clark – Administrative Coordinator
- Lana Mc Cants Services and Personnel Coordinator

Agenda Approved – Motion – Eric Willard – 2nd – Gary Holmes
Voice Vote – Unanimous

Public Comments – one speaker Julie Weiss

- Ms. Weiss spoke of her termination from The Veterans Assistance Commission on October 3, 2024 for excessive tardiness. She claims to have been wrongfully terminated due to her medical issues that sometimes cause her pain which lead to her late arrivals. She spoke for 1 minute 30 seconds of the 3 minute allotted time.

Minutes from 9/11/2024 Meeting – Motion to waive reading of minutes – Eric Willard – 2nd – Dave Davis
Voice Vote – Unanimous

Presidents Report – Terrell Lewis – Welcome

- Reminder to attend as many meetings as possible to create a quorum
- If you get any questions from the press regarding the current budget issue please refer to Superintendent Jesus Pereira

Admin Coordinator Report – Nancy Clark

- Shared dates of all upcoming meetings through December 11,2024

Presentation is Motion – 2nd – Gene Schaefer
Voice Vote – Unanimous

Appeals Committee – No report
Services Coordinator – No report
Personnel Coordinator – No report

Finance Coordinator Report – Eric Willard

- Review the documents presented in the packet provided to all commissioners
- Review of YTD Budget – 90% of FY 2024 budget used and bills are still coming in
- Current Bank Account - $173,000.00

Reading is Motion – 2nd – Dave Davis
Voice Vote - Unanimous

Superintendent Report – Jesus Pereira

- Reported on VAC business
    - IDVA assisting VAC Mon & Thurs
    - VSO Position posted – 33 applicants so far
    - Local transportation halted – VA Transportation still in place
    - 2 FOIA requests in September
    - Presentation on VACWC – available in PowerPoint if requested
- Motion to accept – Terrell Lewis – 2nd – Dave Davis

No Correspondence

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

- Lana McCants asked to speak in regards to a letter that was sent to The Veterans Drop in Center board that pertained to her
- Discussed repercussions of using personal phones and computers for VACWC business – looking into County providing phones/computers and e-mail address for elected officers
    - Nancy Clark made a motion to allow Jesus Pereira to research options 2nd – Eric Willard

Note: Gary Holmes left the meeting at 6:24 pm
Lana McCants left the meeting at 6:26 pm

Veteran Community Events

- Colonel Drager and Jerry Egilske shared upcoming Veteran events

Commencement of Meeting - 1855

- Motion to adjourn Nancy Clark 2nd by Gene Schaefer
- Voice Vote: Yes - unanimous