

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission  
February 9, 2022

The meeting called to order at 4:40 p.m. in the small meeting room. The meeting was delayed at the Administrator was on a phone call addressing a Veteran issue. Members present were:

Robin Housley  
Stephen Wheeler  
Chair, Greg Bell  
Bill VanWaes  
Mike Male

Minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting were read. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to accept, Commissioner Housley seconded. Approved by all present.

February reports were reviewed. Commissioner Bell questioned the negative line item regarding insurance. The Administrator explained that until the budget amendment is done that line item will show the negative. Reports were approved.

Old business: Veterans Day on the Hill was discussed, there was a much smaller presence, could have been weather or due to Covid for the turnout. The President of the association was able to meet with the House Veterans Affairs Committee chair and the appropriations chairs on the Senate side that day. We are hoping for some great changes for Iowa's Veterans this year.

The Administrator reminded the Commission of the upcoming trip to Washington, DC. According to the schedule we will be getting updates from VA Judge Chair Cheryl Mason, VBA Tom Murphy and some VA Congressional Staff will be coming to our meetings.

New Business: The Administrator went over some of the legislation bills that are being worked through currently. The main ones are regarding property tax tiered system, license plates and still our \$3,000 funding.

The dates for spring school have been announced. They are April 12-14<sup>th</sup>. However, we will be doing new person school the full day on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> and a full day on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Administrator discussed plans with the Commission regarding the District Commissioner specific training that was discussed at fall school. A listing of topics was shared with the Commission for their input. Discussion was held regarding things they thought would be beneficial and priority topics. The

Administrator will share those with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and other members of the education team. The Commission felt the topics would be best over a 2 year period to include the District Commission training and the fall schools. They also felt the ideal time for the training would be the months of May – September for best attendance.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on March 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Housley, seconded by Commissioner Van Waes. Motion carried.

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Patricia Hamann, Administrator