

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
September 7, 2022

The meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the small meeting room. Members present were:

Greg Bell
Bill VanWaes
Robin Housley

Stephen Wheeler absent family emergency
Mike Male absent family emergency

Minutes of the August 10, 2022 meeting were read. Commissioner Housley made the motion to accept, Commissioner VanWaes seconded. Approved by all present.

September reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: VetPro discussion was held. The Administrator asked for permission to purchase the software and a tablet for the office to be used for signatures. Commissioner Housley made the motion, Commissioner Bell seconded. Unanimous decision to purchase the software and tablet.

The Administrator discussed the PACT ACT 2022 with the Commission. The rules have changed since the last meeting, and it is expected things will continue to change until the regulations are formalized. New handouts were given regarding the full implementation, not date of implementation exist now except for health care.

New business: The Administrator is still waiting to get confirmation from the VA as to whether flu shots will be available at this event. We are still waiting to get confirmation on who will be attending from the VA. The Administrator stated that we were up to 1505 on the newsletter list which is above the GDX number for Veterans in our county.

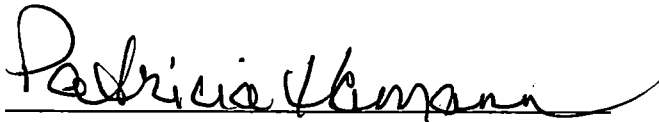
Commissioner Bell pointed out that it proves we serve more than what the GDX has. This has been discussed as the number on the GDX is only representing those who receive VA benefits. It does not include those who have yet to apply, spouses or dependents. Once that is confirmed, the letter will be sent to the printer for mailing.

Discussion was held about the outreach event. Commissioner VanWaes confirmed the availability of the Lowden Legion on October 15th. Commissioner VanWaes and Commissioner Housley will assist the Administrator with the set up

on Friday, October 14th so there isn't much to do on Saturday the 15th. The Administrator noted that we have plenty of little bottles of water, we will need to purchase the donuts, coffee, plates etc. We will do the handouts we discussed in August. Commissioner VanWaes asked if we knew how many to expect, the Administrator stated there's really no way to know for sure. Hopefully once the newsletter comes out then we will get a better idea.

The Administrator asked if any Commissioners were interested in attending fall training. Commissioners VanWaes and Housley will be attending. Commissioner Bell is unable due to a prior commitment. The Administrator will reach out to Commissioners Male and Wheeler to see if they are interested. The Administrator will make hotel reservations for Commissioners VanWaes and Housley.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on October 19th, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. as Commissioner Bell will back to the winter hours at work then. Motion made by Commissioner VanWaes, seconded by Commissioner Housley. Motion carried to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Hamann", written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator