

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission  
April 18, 2023

The meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the small meeting room. Members present were:

Robin Housley  
Mike Male  
Greg Bell  
Stephen Wheeler  
Bill VanWaes

Minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting were read. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to accept, Commissioner Housley seconded. Approved by all present.

April reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: The Administrator updated the Commission on the progress of Chapter 35 changes. It has stalled on the Senate side, an error was made and the House wasn't messaged like they were supposed to be. We aren't sure if the error can be fixed or not this year.

The 2023/2024 budgets have not been approved yet. There is a public hearing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They had to wait until the new numbers came in after the changes to property taxes.

New business: Spring school overview was given. We had 95 out of 99 counties in attendance. Overall the training went well especially since this was our first time at that hotel. We are unsure as to where the fall conference will be held. This has to go out for bid and won't get done until after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

NACVSO school will be done virtually this year by the Administrator. This isn't ideal, however with the Administrator being gone the week prior it is best that it be done this way this year. When there are breaks the office will be able to conduct normal office business.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on May 17th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. The change is due to our late April meeting. This will allow a full month between meetings. Motion made by Commissioner VanWaes, seconded by Commissioner Wheeler. Motion carried to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

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Patricia Hamann, Administrator