

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
September 13, 2023

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

Robin Housley
Mike Male
Shelly Howsare
Bill VanWaes
Greg Bell

Minutes of the August 9, 2023 meeting were read. Commissioner Housley made the motion to accept, Commissioner Male seconded. Approved by all present.

September reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: Fall school updates were given. Hotel reservations were shared. Commissioner Howsare will be driving up the morning off training.

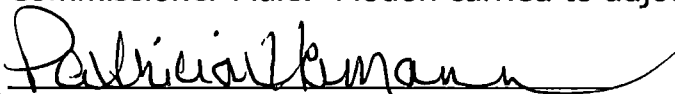
Allocation funds disbursement sheet was shared. The Fry Fest cost \$225 to participate. The Administrator talked about the attendance and that some benefits were discussed with people in attendance.

New business: The VEAC event was discussed. Set up for the event will be Thursday, September 28th. The event will be from 7:30 – 5 both Friday the 29th and Saturday the 30th.

The Administrator shared the RO reports of monthly activity. Discussion was held regarding the differences between counties and how some counties have less receiving benefits yet more money or vice versa. It all depends on what type of Veterans each county has. That's why you can't compare one county to another and can only compare to your own.

The Administrator asked the Commission if they had any topics they would like to be discussed. Commissioner Howsare will send a blip regarding Iowa Works and how they assist Veterans. Along with that there will be information regarding "why to file for increases", the freedom rock application for pavers and topics from the federal VA.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on October 18, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. due to training the week prior. Motion made by Commissioner Housley, seconded by Commissioner Male. Motion carried to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.



Patricia Hamann, Administrator