

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
October 18, 2023

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

Robin Housley
Mike Male
Shelly Howsare
Greg Bell

Bill VanWaes - absent

Minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting were read. Commissioner Housley made the motion to accept, Commissioner Male seconded. Approved by all present.

October reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: VEAC overview was given. The Administrator shared the rough report regarding Veterans served and a run down of how the event was. It was a great experience and the Administrator would like to participate in the future.

New business: The Administrator asked the Commission to sign the yearly HIPAA compliance sheets. The Administrator will ask for Commissioner VanWaes's next month.

Fall school discussion was held. Commissioner Howsare gave a run down on her thoughts. The Commissioners were disappointed in the logistics as to where it was held, the screens were too small and the lunch line wait was not good. They would like to see changes for the next training. They liked being able to talk with other Commissioners the night before as they don't get the opportunity to do that the day of since it is so packed with information.

The Administrator informed the Commission that she was elected as President of the Association. This will only be a 2 year commitment as President. The Administrator let the Commission know she would try and conduct as many meetings via Zoom or Teams to keep time out of the office to a minimum. The Commission congratulated the Administrator on the election.

The Administrator shared with the Commission information regarding a pork loin give away for Veterans. Some logistics regarding who would pick up the loins from Des Moines, how they would keep them cold on the way home and how they would be stored. The Administrator is not able to pick them up as she will be there for an event at the VA Regional Office.

The Administrator had ideas regarding distribution, but what do we do with any left over loins? Where will we store those until they can be distributed? The Administrator attempted to contact Wright County as they have done this in the past to get information as to how the loins are packaged and how big they are. She will follow up with an email to the Commission with information.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on November 8th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Housley, seconded by Commissioner Male.
Motion carried to adjourn at 5:22 p.m.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator