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MINUTES

DATE: July 5, 2017 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Mel Baher, Commissioner
William R. Caine, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pocci followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Baher, Caine, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Uzell – VFW

- June 7th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- June 7-11th – I attended all general business sessions at the VFW Department of Ohio Convention in Columbus. I gave the year end safety report and attended a memorial service. District 7 held a caucus on Friday night and elections were conducted on Saturday, where I was voted as Delegate. I attended a reverse raffle on Saturday night benefitting the VA Hospital.
- June 14th – I attended the CCVSC Level III hearings.
- June 19th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 Lyndhurst meeting and conducted the general business meeting and planned the August 13th Post picnic.
- June 21st – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- June 28th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeal hearings.

- June 30th – Altered State, a women’s clothing store at Beachwood Mall, took part in “Shake Hands with a Veteran.” We had great customers and the store will donate 10% of their sales each Monday from June 19th through July 24th to VFW Post 7536 to support VFW projects.

Baher – American Legion

- Sunday, June 4th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Summer Convention held at American Legion Post 469 in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. I presented the executive approved financial reports for March 2017, as District Finance Officer. The election of new officers for the ensuing year were conducted. I was elected to District Finance Officer and as a Delegate to the National Convention, to be held in Reno, Nevada, August 19th through August 25th.
- Thursday, June 8th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. As First Vice-Commander, I gave my updated membership report.
- Wednesday, June 14th – I conducted Post 91 annual Flag Day ceremony on the pavilion at 7:00 p.m. Even though we experienced a few technical difficulties, the event was well-attended.
- Thursday, June 22nd – I attended the American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m. As First Vice-Commander, I serve as the membership chairman. I gave an updated Department membership report as of May 31, 2017. Post 91 is Quota, along with All Time High now for 20 consecutive years.
- Monday, June 26th – I attended the American Legion 13th District executive board meeting. I presented the April 2017 financial report for approval, as District Finance Officer.

Bill Caine – DAV

- June 13th – Stopped at the Parma CBOC to visit CCVSC employees and passed on a thank you from recent widow for excellent service.
- June 16th – Worked out of the Department Office with the incoming State commander on appointment and position vacancies. Had my draft search plan approved for the selection of a new full-time State Adjutant.
- June 21st – Attended the Chapter 116 Parma DAV meeting and assisted in planning service projects for the coming quarter. Advised a Chapter officer on his application for a HSC appointment at the Cleveland VAH. Answered questions of two members regarding federal claims following the meeting.
- June 21-24th – Attended and participated in the 2017 State Convention in Dublin, Ohio. Conducted the first organizational meeting of the State and briefed the new board of State officers and the elected Executive Committeemen on service projects, business issues and position vacancies for the coming year. Accepted an appointment as Special Advisor to the Executive Board and was ordered by the Commander to travel with the Board and make myself available for the coming year. Briefed my replacement at the end of my term as Trustee in the operations of the National Columbia Trust.
- June 26-27th – Conferred with the State Commander and Senior Vice-Commander on personnel and budget issues.

Bob Potts – VVA

- I attended all the Board meetings at the CCVSC during the month of June.
- There will be no VVA meetings during the months of July and August.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended all scheduled CCVSC meetings during the month of June.
- I attended the AMVETS meeting and gave my financial report and service officer report.

- Our AMVETS Post had honor guard duty at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.
- I attended the Italian American War Veterans meeting and gave my Adjutant report.
- I attended the Flag Day ceremony at American Legion Post 91 where Commissioner Mel Baher gave a moving and very much appreciated definition of the Flag.
- I also visited the Parma CBOC.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to accept Resolution 2017-07 providing for the purchase of two (2) full vehicle wraps for the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission as part of enhancing the appearance of the two (2) county vehicles, expenses not to exceed \$4,800.

AYES: Baher, Caine, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Director is to extend an invitation to State Representative Marlene Anielski to visit the CCVSC on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, to meet Board members and tour the commission.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The staff picnic will be held at the Cleveland Zoo on Monday, July 24th. On Mondays, the Zoo is free to residents of Cuyahoga County and Hinkley Township and the gates open at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Uzell joined the meeting at 9:52 a.m.


The VFW C of A Conference will be held from Friday, July 6th through Sunday, July 9th, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South/Independence Hotel & Conference Center in Independence, Ohio. CCVSC staff will be available on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


There were no items for Executive Session.


With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Bill Caine to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Caine, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



 Frank Pocci, President

FOR




 Clayton Uzell, Secretary