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MINUTES

DATE: January 7, 2009 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Daniel Weist, Commissioner
Thomas Zung, Secretary
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director
Tom O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor

VISITORS: Richard Danielson, Korean War Veterans of America Post 69.

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 Dan Weist and seconded by Thomas Zung to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 17, 2008 and to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Potts, Zung, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Level III Board Appeals meeting of December 17, 2008 and to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Potts, Zung, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Dan Weist to dispense with the reading of the correspondence since we have a Consent Agenda, with the exception of those items set aside, to be addressed during the regular order of business, and with any corrections and/or additions. (No items were set aside.)

AYES: Potts, Zung, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda approved and denied cases were unavailable for December 2008.

Frank Pocci moved to the Good of the Order to welcome back Randy Stevenson who just returned from active duty in Iraq. Randy will be returning to his former position as Eligibility Specialist on March 2, 2009.

The Executive Director introduced Jack Hanley as the new part-time Transportation Payment Processor. Jack began employment on January 5, 2009 and is stationed at our satellite office at the Wade Park VA Medical Center.

Bob Schloendorn advised the Board that Jean Selby, Social Worker/Case Management, failed to meet the requirements of the probationary period and was released on January 5, 2009. We are in the process of looking for a replacement.

Frank Pocci opened the floor to visitors for any comments or questions. The following bullet points were topics of discussion.

Richard Danielson

- Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2008

Agenda Item E1. Commissioners' Reports

Bob Potts – VVA

- December 2, 2008 I attended our monthly chapter board meeting. Discussion took place concerning the donation of an electric wheel chair to a Vietnam veteran. Sr. Corlita from St. Augustine Church on West 14th referred us to a needy veteran.
- The membership meeting was cancelled due to the holidays.
- January 6th, I attended the board meeting for the upcoming year. We discussed making up ditty bags to donate to the VA Hospital in February, and the meeting schedule for 2009.

Thomas Zung – VFW

- VFW Post 1056 held their monthly meeting on December 11th. The post donated funds from the Holiday Fund for the Euclid Home. The commander noted appreciation from the City of Euclid for the VFW post participation at City Hall for ceremonies on Veteran's Day.
- December 17th, the Commissioners intended to host a holiday luncheon for the entire staff but due to a water main break, the luncheon was rescheduled for Friday, December 19th. The entire CCVSC staff does a yeomen's job with assisting the needy veterans of Cuyahoga County.
- December 25th, I visited the Veteran's Resource Center on E. 152nd St., to wish the veteran residents well. Many of them at the shelter are without family nearby.
- I would like to extend a Happy New Year to my fellow veterans and VFW members.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- December 11th, as Post Commander, I conducted the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- December 14th, I attended the American Legion 13th District Winter Conference at Post 91 at 10:00 a.m. With the resignation of the 13th District Judge Advocate, I was appointed to fill the remainder of the term.
- December 23rd, I conducted the American Legion Post 91 Executive Board meeting at the post at 7:00 p.m.
- December 30th, my fifteenth grandchild, Dylan Joseph, arrived weighing 8 lbs, 13 oz.

Baher, cont.

Upcoming events for January 2009:

- January 7th, I will be attending the American Legion 13th Council meeting at Post 469 at 8:00 p.m.
- Post 91's membership meeting will be held on January 8th at 8:00 p.m.
- January 18th, I will be attending the American Legion Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus, Ohio at 10:00 a.m.
- Post 91's Executive Board meeting is scheduled for January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Weist, DAV

- January 15th, I will be attending my DAV monthly meeting.
- December's meeting of the VFW was cancelled due to the holiday.
- December 30th, I attended a meeting with our Executive Director, Bob Schloendorn, Bob Poole, John Warmeling, and Dr. John Wasyluk to discuss the education program for the OSAVSC Spring Conference. I will be chairing a committee to establish guidelines and gather information on duties and responsibilities of various positions.
- January 21-23rd, I will be attending the VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Independence, Ohio.

Frank Pocci

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Lee Trotter, Deputy County Administrator, made a presentation to the Board at their last meeting and requested that the CCVSC consider extending its current lease at 1849 Prospect Ave. The Board listened and asked that Mr. Trotter discuss the CCVSC's needs with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at their January 8th regular meeting. Mr. Trotter and Mr. McCafferty have been invited to attend the next CCVSC Board meeting on January 21st to deliver the BOCC's response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item G1. Food and Shelter Monthly Allowance Guideline; Revision

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to adopt the revised "Food and Shelter Monthly Allowance Guideline" dated January 7, 2009. Under discussion, an increase in rates was discussed. It was decided that the rates will remain as is but will be reviewed again in six months.

AYES: Pocci, Zung, Potts, Weist, Baher. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Agenda Item G2. Election of Officers on the CCVSC Board for 2009

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Thomas Zung to nominate Bob Potts as President on the CCVSC Board for Year 2009. The nomination was accepted by Commissioner Potts.

AYES: Pocci, Zung, Potts, Weist, Baher. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to nominate Thomas Zung as Vice President on the CCVSC Board for Year 2009. The nomination was accepted by Commissioner Zung.

AYES: Pocci, Zung, Potts, Weist, Baher. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Dan Weist to nominate Mel Baher as Secretary on the CCVSC Board for Year 2009. The nomination was accepted by Commissioner Baher.

AYES: Pocci, Zung, Potts, Weist, Baher. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Executive Director reported that the proposal for eVetAssist has been accepted. CCVSC will be a beta site for ninety days beginning February 1, 2009 before the program is purchased.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No items.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Dan Weist to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

AYES: Potts, Zung, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Frank Pocci
President

Thomas Zung
Secretary

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Executive Director: Bob Schloendorn (216-698-2611)

Commissioners: Lorri Slivka, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2646)