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MINUTES

DATE: July 3, 2013 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, President
Clayton E. Uzell, Vice President
Daniel T. Weist, Secretary
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Frank Pocci, Commissioner
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bob Potts, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell 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, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Dan Weist – DAV

- I attended both open public Board meetings and both Level III Appeal hearings in the month of June.
- June 21st & 22nd – I attended the DAV State Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
- July 1st – I attended a meeting at the N. Olmsted VFW to discuss homeless veterans. Twelve different service organizations were present along with VA representatives and social workers from different county and state agencies. Those present are working together to secure one of the houses from the County Land Bank for a homeless veteran.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- Sunday, June 2nd – I attended the American Legion 13th District Summer Convention at 10:00 a.m. which was held at the F.O.P. hall in Cleveland. I presented the District financial reports. Also, I was elected as the 2013-2014 Finance Officer and 2013 National Convention delegate.
- Thursday, June 13th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 14th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 annual Flag Day ceremony at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 24th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Executive board dinner held at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Coral Buffet.
- Thursday, June 27th – I departed for Toledo, Ohio for the American Legion Department of Ohio annual convention. I serve the department as chairman of the credential committee.

Upcoming Events:

- July 9th – American Legion 13th District Council meeting at Post 304, Garfield Hts. at 7:30 p.m.
- July 11th – American Legion Post 91 membership meeting is at 7:00 p.m.
- July 22nd – American Legion 13th District executive board meeting at Post 304, Garfield Hts. is at 7:00 p.m.
- July 25th – American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended the general meeting at Post 80 on July 2nd where I gave my Fiscal Year 2012 financial report.
- I filed the tax reports for Fiscal Year 2012 for Post 80.
- The Post building is up for sale but, at this point, we have not received any legitimate offers that are being considered.
- The Honor Guard served at the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.
- The new officers for Fiscal Year 2013 are all in place. Our new commander is Jim Soltis.

Other Activities:

- I attended all the scheduled open and appeals meetings at the CCVSC during June.
- I attended the general meeting of the Italian American War Veterans on June 28th and gave my adjutant and financial reports. A Dept. of Ohio meeting will be held in Lorain, Ohio on July 14th and Post 34 will be sending five (5) representatives, including myself. The national commander will be coming in from Boston, MA to attend this annual convention.
- I referred a veteran to our service officer at Parma for a tinnitus filing. I also received a very complimentary letter regarding how our service officer at Parma helped a veteran I referred obtain a 100% service-connected disability, at this point, for prostate cancer due to exposure of Agent Orange.
- I attended the Middleburg Heights Summer in the City festival to distribute brochures for the CCVSC.

Clay Uzell – VFW

- June 1st – I attended the District 7 VFW Convention held at the Quality Inn Brunswick and then the installation held at Brunswick VFW Post 9520. I served on the installing team and placed CCVSC brochures on a display table.
- June 3rd – I attended a funeral service for a VFW member of N. Olmsted Post 7647 held at Sunset Chapel in North Olmsted.
- June 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- June 12th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.
- June 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.

- June 23rd – I purchased baseball tickets at Progressive Field to support and honor female Veterans Day.
- June 24th – I attended a Past President's dinner at Parma Post 1974 and later called bingo for the Ladies Auxiliary.
- June 26th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.
- June 26th through 30th – I departed for Perrysburg at 1:00 p.m. to attend the VFW Dept. of Ohio Convention meetings and banquet. I was appointed Safety Chairman for Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter for the New Year. My wife, Sandra, was elected Sr. Vice President of the Ladies Auxiliary Dept. of Ohio. After the installation, we attended a luncheon for the new State Commander, Keith Jeffers, and Ladies President, Jane Walker, at Northwood VFW Post 2984. I returned home on Sunday, June 30th.
- I also brought a client to the office to file a medical claim through the Service Dept.

Bob Potts – VVA

- June 4th – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 Board meeting and membership meeting.
- June 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- June 12th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.
- June 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- June 26th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.
- July 2nd – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 Board meeting and membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Dan Weist to adopt Resolution 2013-20, providing for the purchase of 500/15 second television commercials for 26 weeks on WJW Fox 8/Antenna TV Sitcoms, expenses not to exceed \$24,990.00.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The CCVSC will be hosting a meeting on Monday, July 15, 2013 to discuss the backlog of VA claims. Senator Sherrod Brown, the Director of the VA Regional Office, representatives of the service organizations and the media will be present.

Asst. County Prosecutor Brian Gutkoski mentioned that County Council will be voting on a charter amendment concerning the allocation of legal duties between the County Prosecutor and the Director of Law. If 2/3rds majority of Council votes to approve the charter amendment, the issue will go on the ballot. If it is passed by voters, the CCVSC would no longer be represented by the Prosecutor's Office but would obtain representation through the County Legal Dept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Frank Pocci to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:24 a.m.)

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Dan Weist to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:56 a.m.)

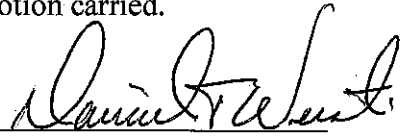
In Executive Session, the Board discussed the upcoming vacancy of the Executive Director effective December 1, 2013. The position will be posted in the media, on the CCVSC website and with the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. The Executive Director will review the applications and present the Board with his top five recommendations. The Board will then proceed with the hiring process.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Frank Pocci to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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



Bob Potts, President



Daniel T. Weist, Secretary

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Executive Director:	Bob Schloendorn (216-698-2611)
Commissioners:	Lorri Slivka, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2646)