



American Legion
MEL BAHER
COMMISSIONER



American Veterans
FRANK POCCHI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
CHRISTOPHER GRAU
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars
CLAYTON E. UZELL
COMMISSIONER



Vietnam Veterans of America
BOB POTTS
COMMISSIONER

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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: October 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Clay Uzell, President
Mel Baher, Vice President
Christopher Grau, Secretary
Frank Pocci, Commissioner
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: Feronne Williams, Administrative Coordinator
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

VISITORS: Sandra Uzell, Murray Evans, Russel Heinz

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Clay Uzell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached)

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Pocci to accept the report of the Executive Director with the necessary corrections and/or additions.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Executive Director spoke with the representative at Beltone. Beltone is offering a rechargeable hearing aid option. The hearing aids automatically recharge when stored in the case. No batteries are needed. The Board approved this option when granting assistance with hearing aids.

Guest Murry Evans mentioned that Costco has been recognized for the quality and price of their hearing aids. The Director will look into using Costco as an option.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:


The Executive Director was asked to give an overview of what services the VSC offered for the guests. He explained that every county in Ohio has a Veterans Service Commission funded by county tax dollars. The VSC offers assistance in filing VA claims, financial assistance for veterans experiencing a financial hardship, memorial affairs services, and transportation to and from VA medical appointments. In addition to regular office hours, the VSC participates in outreach events and will soon have a mobile office to help reach veterans who are unaware of the services offered.

Frank Pocci reported seeing Dan Weist, former Commissioner, and mentioned that he is doing well.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Chris Grau to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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


Clay Uzell, President


Chris Grau, Secretary
Frank Pocci

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Finance Dept.:

Social Work Dept.:

Executive Director:

Commissioners: