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COMMISSIONER



American Veterans
FRANK POCCI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
CHRISTOPHER GRAU
COMMISSIONER



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Vietnam Veterans of America
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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: November 20, 2019 9:30 a.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
Feronne Williams, Administrative Coordinator
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor
Melisa Fisco, Assistant Law Director

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: Taylor Smothers

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Director proposed getting rid of one of the VSC older vehicles and purchasing one that is more fuel-efficient. Details were provided about each vehicle, to include the year of the vehicle and how many miles each had, in order to make a decision. The Executive Director will research vehicles for purchase.

CVSO training was discussed. Because most of the Service Officers are new, Jon Reiss proposed that all Service Officers go to every training in order to gain as much knowledge as is available. Training has

been approved and a full year calendar, with closures due to training, will be posted by the first of the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss appeals. The Board would be hearing eight (8) client appeals today.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:51 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:43 a.m.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeals that were discussed in Executive Session, are attached.

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached)

A motion was made by Mel Baher 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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining and pending and imminent court action.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:01 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:54 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed various issues related to collective bargaining. There was no discussion about a pending court action. The Executive Director was instructed on how to proceed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Frank Pocci to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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



Clay Uzell, President



Chris Grau, Secretary

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Finance Dept.:

Executive Director:

Commissioners: