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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: October 26, 2022 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Mel Baher, Secretary
Christopher Grau, Commissioner
James Riley, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary
Matthew Convery, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: None

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MEETING AND TO DISCUSS LEVEL III BOARD APPEALS

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pocci, President and stated that the Board would be hearing two (2) client appeals today.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Executive Director attended the county council meeting last night. Council unanimously approved the moving of carryover VSC funds from 2021 into the VSC headquarters fund. Also, a council member asked about working with the VSC on plans to create a tiny village for veterans. Director Reiss will follow up with the council member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss appeals, a security matter and certain personnel matters - employment and compensation.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:41 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:27 a.m.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that was discussed in Executive Session, is attached. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were instructed on how to proceed.

In Executive Session the Board the board discussed a security issue regarding employee parking and certain personnel matters regarding employment and compensation. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were advised how to proceed.

A policy will be developed to address employee temporary parking arrangements.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to approve the promotion of Colleen Kehoe to the position of Facilities Manager with a probationary period of one (1) year, effective immediately.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to approve the promotion of Iris DeHart to the position of Site Supervisor/VAMC Liaison, with a probation period of one (1) year, effective immediately.


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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to approve the temporary employee reimbursement for parking at the main office.

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

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

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