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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: January 4, 2023 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

EXCUSED: Matthew Convery, Assistant County Prosecutor

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pocci, President.

A motion was made by Mel Baher 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). Motion seconded by Chris Grau. Discussion: None.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Reiss stated that there was no update on the new headquarters building. Commissioner Baher requested that some research be done on electronic signs for the front of the new building.

A motion was made by Mel Baher to adopt all updated position descriptions as discussed, with the necessary corrections and/or additions. Motion seconded by Bob Potts. Discussion: None.

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

A motion was made by Chris Grau to go out of the regular order of business to discuss certain personnel matters regarding discipline and employment, matters to be kept confidential, and client cases and appeals. Motion seconded by Mel Baher. Discussion: None.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss certain personnel matters regarding discipline and employment, matters to be kept confidential, and client cases and appeals. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:14 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:05 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed certain personnel matters regarding discipline and the Deputy Director was advised on how to proceed. The Executive Director was advised on how to proceed regarding employment. And client cases and appeals were discussed.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers on the CCVSC Board

A motion was made by Mel Baher to elect the following officers on the CCVSC Board for Year 2023, using the guideline established in January 2007. There were no other nominations. Motion seconded by Chris Grau. Discussion: None.

President	Bob Potts (VVA)
Vice President	Mel Baher (American Legion)
Secretary	James Riley (VFW)

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

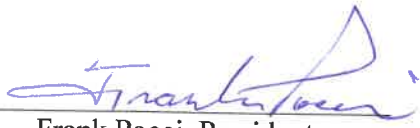
The Deputy Director informed the Board that several community partners are acknowledging the positive attitudes amongst the VSC staff and that the change has been noticeable and appreciated. Also, Google reviews have been very positive recently.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Pocci spoke about distributing shoes/boots to veterans and mentioned that he refers veterans to the VSC regularly.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Chris Grau.

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



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

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Deputy Director:	Feronne Williams (216-698-3845)
Commissioners:	Mary Kitko, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2651)