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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: February 8, 2023 9:33 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, President
Mel Baher, Vice President
James Riley, Secretary
Frank Pocci, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING/LEVEL III APPEALS

The meeting was called to order by Bob Potts, 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 Frank Pocci. Discussion: None.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher to approve Resolution 2023-01 to for the purchase of food/clothing cards from Walmart for clients of the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission who are in need of financial assistance. Motion seconded by Bob Potts. Discussion: None.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Pocci mentioned that several members of his AMVETS post expressed their thanks for the boots and shoes that were provided by the VSC.

Commissioner Baher mentioned that the Elks will be hosting a meeting to provide information to veterans regarding suicide prevention on March 5, 2023. They will also provide health and wellness items and information.

Jim Riley will be presenting the Paramedic of the Year award in Athens, Ohio this weekend.

Bob Potts announced that the Daughters of the Revolution will be presenting an award to his VVA Chapter in April at Post 385.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher to go into Executive Session to meet potential candidates, discuss client cases and appeals and to consider a complaint of a public employee. Motion seconded by Frank Pocci.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:42 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 1:21 p.m. In Executive Session the Board met two candidates for employment, discussed client cases and appeals, and considered a complaint of a public employee.

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

A motion was made by Jim Riley to authorize the Director to bring on Kaley Webb in the role of Office Support Specialist, with a probationary period of six (6) months. Motion seconded by Mel Baher. Discussion: None.

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

A motion was made by James Riley to authorize the Director to bring on Teresa Delaney, with a probationary period of one (1) year. Motion seconded by Mel Baher. Discussion: None.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher to internally post for the position of Operation Specialist and to allow probationary employees to apply. Motion seconded by Frank Pocci. Discussion: None.

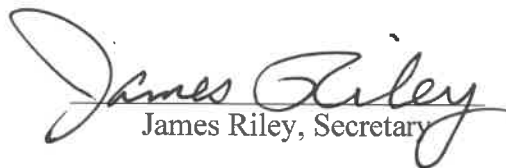
AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley. Abstain: None. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by James Riley to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

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



Bob Potts, President



James Riley, Secretary

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