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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: March 8, 2023 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, President
Mel Baher, Vice President
James Riley, Secretary
Frank Pocchi, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Baher stated that the Elks event at Post 91 was a great success. The Elks provided fitness trackers, glucose monitors, and suicide prevention information. Mr. Baher also stated that he would be attending the 13th District Conference in Columbus. Each attendee was asked to bring a case of water and/or cleaning supplies to assist Post 31 in East Palestine. There is shortage of supplies after the train derailment and the community is in need.

Frank Pocchi spoke at his AMVETS meeting about the Ohio Homestead Act. The group agreed that it was a good idea to pursue a change for Ohio veterans.

Jim Riley announced that the Joint Veterans Council will have its annual Veteran of the Year luncheon on May 20th. This year's honoree is Ron Schwachenwald.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher to go into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee and client cases and appeals. Motion seconded by Jim Riley.


YES: Baher, Poggi, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:44 a.m.)

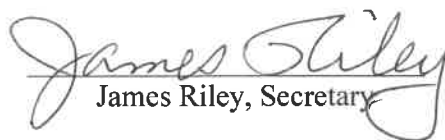
The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 12:09 p.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed compensation of a public employee and client cases and appeals. A plan is in place and the Deputy Director was advised on how to proceed.

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.

With no further business, a motion was made by Jim Riley to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

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


Bob Potts, President


James Riley, Secretary

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