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MEL BAHER
COMMISSIONER



American Veterans
FRANK POCCHI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
LENON WRIGHT
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars
JAMES RILEY
COMMISSIONER



Vietnam Veterans of America
BOB POTTS
COMMISSIONER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FERONNE WILLIAMS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: June 4, 2025 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: James Riley, President
Frank Pocci, Vice President
Lenon Wright, Secretary
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary
Craig Morice, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: Mel Baher, Commissioner

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Riley with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Lenon Wright called roll.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci 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 Bob Potts. Discussion: None.

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Mel Baher – American Legion

- Excused

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- Participated in Guitar for Vets session
- Attended and joined the Joint Veterans meeting
- Attended the ITAM monthly meeting
- Attended and reported minutes at the ITAM State Department meeting in Lorain

The 4th of July joint event between the CCVSC and the Fire Department has been delayed. Once a new date is finalized, Mr. Reiss will work with the fire department to bring a ladder truck with a flag.

Jon Reiss is working on a tracker for security absences in order to track how often the VSC is without two security guards.

Possible projects for the budget carryover include Veterans Village, a parking garage at the new headquarters building, and covered parking at the new headquarters.

Commissioner Riley will be handing out flags at the naturalization ceremony coming up. Flags for the outreach event were provided.

Deputy Director Williams posed the idea of being more liberal with financial assistance requirements because most staff is working remotely and financial assistance usually drops off when working remote. After discussion, the board agreed to the suggested changes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

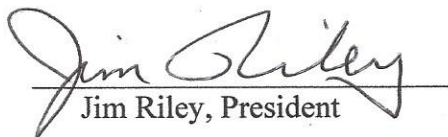
Commissioner Riley will be presenting flags at the naturalization ceremony on June 13th at the Rock Hall Plaza.

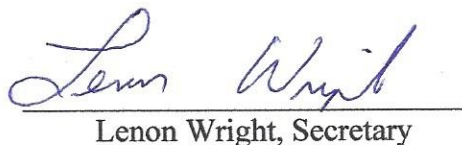
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. Motion seconded by Lenon Wright.

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


Jim Riley, President


Lenon Wright, Secretary

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Mary Kitko, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2651)