

Carroll County
Veterans Assistance
Commission

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Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Senior Citizens Center Meeting Room

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m. by Danielle Eberle

Invocation: Led by Ellis Boughton

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all

Roll Call: Wayne Leonard, Doug Bergren, Waldon Lee Gibbs, Danielle Eberle, Ernie Johnson, Ellis Boughton, Joe Drozd, Terry Lattin, Keven Hovorka, Lamoille Poffenberger, Darlene Sisler, Nelson Preston

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Kevin Hovorka; Passed

Agenda Approval: Motioned to approve by Joe Drozd; Seconded by Ellis Boughton; Passed

Treasurer's Report:

- The balance as of February 28, 2023, was \$35,452.45 with the accessible balance being \$20,860.48.
- \$990.00 was paid out on the dental grant fund with \$604.00 remaining.
- A letter was sent to the County Treasurer to release the funding to us.
- Will be adding a necessary Quick Books payment to the report.

- Motion to approve by Ernie Johnson; Seconded by Keven Hovorka; Passed

Old Business:

- Wayne sent out a Power Point presentation to all County Board members. He was thanked by two members.
- A new way to pay overtime was worked out by Ellis. Motion to approve by Ellis Boughton; seconded by Joe Drozd; passed.

New Business:

- A transfer of funds was no longer needed for equipment repair as it was fixed by Ellis.
- We are now able to send secure emails within government websites, which is required to complete necessary interactions. We were able to do this by paying \$99.00 for life.
- The guest speaker was unable to come due to illness. She was going to propose replacing Paul if he could no longer run the necessary server for our computers. It was decided to stick with the status quo for now and discuss the situation with Paul for his opinion.
- We will be changing from Mediacom to Sand Prairie. Mediacom is now charging \$260.00 per month and Sand Prairie said they could do it for \$170.00.
- According to the new law that went into effect on January 1 by the state, the Superintendent must be evaluated annually by the end of the year. This could be done individually by the VAC board or by Danielle.
- The dental program is not functioning as planned, mainly because of constraints in Iowa City's Dental School. It is very difficult to get appointments for our Vets and it was suggested that some may be helped more efficiently locally at a higher cost. It was proposed to approve them case by case.
- We have received calls from veterans who wish to go on the Honor Flight, but they have no way to get there. We have been seeking volunteers to provide those rides.
- We will post announcements on the VAC website if any of the Veterans Organizations have events to advertise.

Superintendent's Report:

- The number of claims and appeals filed was presented.
- According to the new law, the VAC will have to be audited at the end of the year. We could potentially use the same auditor as the County or hire our own.

Report from the Board President: None

Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Joe Drozd motioned to adjourn; Lamoille Poffenberger seconded; Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.