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## OCTOBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 05, 2022

### 1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer / Roll Call of Executive Board Members

Annual notice of regular meetings of the Executive Board of the Veterans' Assistance Commission of Madison County, Inc., having been published in accordance with section 2.03 of the Open Meetings Act, and the notice and agenda of this meeting having been posted and published in accordance with section 2.02 of that Act, at 6:30 p.m., in Suite 115 of the County Administration Building, with the excused absence of President Hicks, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Earl Watts called the October 5, 2022 regular meeting of the Executive Board to order. The notice and agenda indicated that the meeting was to take place in the VAC at 157 North Main Street, Suite 115, Edwardsville, IL, but to accommodate a larger crowd, the meeting was moved to the small county board room to the left just inside the main entrance of the County Administrative Building. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts directed all in attendance to stand and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts then called for a chaplain to lead the gathering in an opening prayer and Kate Broadhurst did so. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts then directed the Secretary to call the roll of Executive Board Members to determine the presence of a quorum to do business.

**Members Present:** Earl Watts, Mark Nelson, Kate Broadhurst, Larry Meisenheimer, Ken Morales, Ron Swaim, Donald Scheyer, Wayne Able

**Members Virtual:** None

**Members Excused:** Ronnie Hicks, Vernon Leclair, Mike Harbison

**Members Absent:** None

**VAC Office:** Superintendent Brad Lavite

**Guest:** 8 as per sign-in

In accordance with Art. VI, §2 of the bylaws, there being six (6) or more Board Members attending, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts declared a quorum was present. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts then recognized the VAC's attorney, Thomas Burkart to address the consideration of the minutes of any past meeting that had yet to be approved. Mr. Burkart explained that the VAC was currently under a complaint that it had not followed the Open Meetings Act at either the August 10, 2022 or the August 25, 2022 Special Board meetings, and that Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act required the Board to approve its minutes not later than the second subsequent regular meeting which would be November 02, 2022. The attorney requested that consideration of the approval of the minutes for the August 03, 2022, August 10, 2022 and August 25, 2022 meetings be deferred until that meeting. He also advised that some question as to the accuracy of the Minutes of the July 06, 2022 Executive Board Regular Meeting which were approved at the August 03, 2022 meeting were under investigation.

## **2. Minutes**

- a. Motion was made by Ken Morales, seconded by Ron Swaim to defer the minutes of the August 03, 2022, August 10, 2022 and August 25, 2022 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as well as the reconsideration of the July 06, 2022 Executive Board Meeting minutes. By unanimous Aye/No Voice Vote, the motion carried.

## **3. Reports**

- a. Superintendent Lavite presented the October 2022 Executive Board Report. Motion was made by Ron Swaim, seconded by Larry Meisenheimer to approve the report. By unanimous Aye/No Voice Vote, the motion carried. The report(s) are to be filed for future reference. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts then call for consideration of any old business.

## **4. Old Business**

- a. Wayne Able inquired about the duration of his term as a Board Member. Superintendent Lavite explained that Mr. Able was completing the term of vacancy on the Board caused by a previous member not being able to continue his duties. No motion was made regarding this matter.
- b. Superintendent Lavite discussed the Monuments and Memorials applications submitted. Kate Broadhurst advised that one other application is in the works. Applications to be processed by November 30, 2022.
- c. IAVAC notification as per October 05, 2022 Executive Board Meeting Agenda.
- d. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts then called for consideration of any new business.

## **5. New Business**

- a. Report action covered under #3 Reports above

## **6. Pre-adjournment opportunity to address the Board**

- a. There being no other new business to be brought before the Board, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts called for anyone in attendance who wished to be recognized to address the Board.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Watts recognized the following who were permitted to address the Board in the following order:
  - i. At 7:11 p.m. Bradley Yount asked whether recent terminations of VAC Staff Members had been approved by the Executive Board. VAC attorney, Thomas Burkart advised Mr. Yount that the open meetings act permitted the public to “address” the public body, but on advice of counsel, if such address was in the form of an interrogatory, he advised the Board to note the question, but not make an immediate response as the same must be done as an organization after due consideration and vote of all Board Members. Mr. Yount then said he wished to make his statement that he believed Article VI, Section 6 of the by-laws requires that any such termination be requires Board approval prior of such terminations.
  - ii. At 7:14 p.m. Bradley Yount asked how many VAC Staff were on payroll and suggested putting names on website. He also asked who produced the Agenda and were there any calls for additions.
  - iii. VFW 7678 Alternate Chris Miller made statement that Delegates were not doing their due diligence to inform problems of VAC to Post Members.
  - iv. VFW 12th District Commander Dustin Dixon asked why he was just now hearing of grievances within VAC.

**7. Next FY 2022 Meeting Date and Time**

- a. Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, November 02, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**8. Good of the Commission**

- a. Attendees were encouraged to attend upcoming Veterans Day programs at schools
- b. Attendees were encouraged to attend upcoming Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Ron Swaim and seconded by Larry Meisenheimer to adjourn. By unanimous Aye/No Voice Vote, the motion carried to adjourn the meeting. A salute was made to the U.S. Flag. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Kate Broadhurst / Recording Secretary / October 05, 2022