

Department of Veterans Affairs

Commission Meeting

Date: July 14, 2020

Subject: Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order by the President of the Board, Vaughn Begick at 1502

Commissioners present were Mike Pergande, Troy Stewart, Marilyn Lazarz, and Jonathan VanTol

CITIZENS INPUT – County VSO Mark Kaczmarek had update on the office hours. Office open by appointment from 0800-1200. The VA is scheduling compensation exams. Call 211 to get additional assistance for Veteran housing needs.

DIRECTOR GOULET – spoke on status of State grant to be used for new vans for the Veteran Transportation program. The vans should be operational within two weeks.

MOTIONS

2020-8 Motion to accept the February 18,202 Commission minutes by **Pergande**, seconded by **Larzaz**, motion **PASSED**.

OLD BUSINESS –

Still researching for family for the Veteran whose name is to be added to the Monument in front of the County Building.

Lazarz asked about making the Veteran office personnel full time county employees.

Pergande announced he was in favor because they are doing an outstanding job and MANY Veterans are expressing their satisfaction.

Pergande asked for any changes to this Commission Bylaws be sent to him so they can be incorporated and moved forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Received letter from the Bay Veteran Foundation asking for funds to be used for their Veteran activity building.

Concerns raised were;

- 1) The veteran population targeted to for use of the building
- 2) Business plan, what will be offered to Veterans, counseling, type of training opportunities.
- 3) Staffing, older Veterans serving as mentors?

ANOUNCEMENTS

Motion to adjourn by **Pergande**, seconded by **VanTol** and it was voted to adjourn.

Respectably submitted,

Jonathan VanTol
Secretary