



Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting

5:00 PM

Location:
Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13
24741 Renwick Rd, Plainfield IL 60544

- I. Call to Order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Opening Prayer:
- II. Roll Call of Attendees:

VAC Commission		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jack Picciolo	President	
Vacant	Vice President	
Denise Williams	Secretary	P
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	P
Jim Singler	Chaplain	A
Tom Mlynek	Member	A
Janet Blue	Member	P
Steve Benicke	Member	E
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman	P
John Kestle	Past Chairman	P
John York	Past Chairman	A
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	P
Lisa McGlasson	Judge Advocate	P

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
Raj Pillai, Alt. Del AL13; Joe Manno, Dir. Legion Riders AL13; Rob Angone, AL935; Will Sutton, Del. AL13, VSO Kendall County, Judge Adv. IACVAC, Chair Veterans Ailment Taskforce; Anna Deneen Exec. Asst. WCVAC; Jen Solum Asst. Superintendent WCVAC, Erik Papineau Interim Supt. WCVAC, Chris Wise Asst. Will County State Atty
- IV. Public Comment
Horne – asked re:agenda item Atty. O’Grady; asked Our Patriot’s TV donation – per Papineau, he went to Rick Whitley, received permission to use TV as raffle/contest prize; Horne requested holding off on TV contest/give away until after Our Patriots meets next meet; Papineau states he understood TV was donated to VAC. Papineau will verify who received, Our Patriots or WCVAC

Will Sutton – re: money questions/investigations; asked why Tom Mlynek is still on board as he is not the delegate; states under Article 6, Sec. 7, who can represent an organization; asked who are

the board members; Sutton stated his questions are not as Kendall County coming after Will County, he is asking as a member of AL13; Williams asked if Sutton has attended full commission meetings or Exec meeting, only board members vote at Exec. Board meetings; Sutton asked why the Asst. Superintendent was not named the Superintendent, asked why the Interim is named Interim not permanent; Williams advised his reading/understanding of the bylaws is not what the ASA Wise, Judge Advocate advised is the reading of the bylaws, Papineau stated this has been discussed/decided at previous meetings; Sutton asked if each of the Federally chartered delegates/posts have been investigated to ensure they are all resident in Will County and have at least 15 paid members; Koch advised this is one of the tasks we have hired Exec. Asst. to accomplish

V. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A. VAC Regular Meeting 12 Apr 2022; Motion:

Motion-Koch, Kestel

Discussion – Blue stated under Article VII, A – Blue/Benicke did not make a recommendation, they fulfilled the task they were assigned; Koch responded it is reading as they accomplished their task

-Unanimous

B. Special Meeting (open) 26 Apr 2022; Motion:

C. Papineau stated minutes are not included in package; Koch motioned to table these minutes til June meeting; Horne 2nd; Unanimous

VI. Superintendents Report:

A. Award Log: 2015 – FY22: \$122.1M

- a) New Awards YTD: \$2.6M
- b) Recurring Awards: \$30M
- c) Total for FY22: \$32.6M

Papineau highlighted 2022 numbers, as projected due to no tracking system from VA re:when our veterans claims are awarded re:recurring awards.

Motion to approve: Koch, Blue; Unanimous

B. Project 150 Report: 5/1/2022

- a) Emergency Shelter: Spent: \$101,195.30; Remaining \$48,804.70 (ESG-CV funded)
Papineau states limit of 30 days, states WCVAC is coordinating w/other organizations to ensure veterans are accommodated w/in 30 days; WCVAC states discussion to extend 30 days at request of partner organization for logistics
-Blue asked, how many current veterans

Papineau-stated 5

Solum stated per Land Use we can move money from ESG to salary, move ESG to hotel funds, with permission of the Board; Solum will have numbers for next meeting, will place on next meeting agenda

Motion: Blue, Koch; unanimous

C. Financial Assistance Report: (8) Veterans

- a) Shelter: \$1750
- b) Gas: \$130.65
- c) Electric: \$397.31
- d) Water: \$224.26
- e) Personal Products: \$225
- f) Food: \$0

Papineau states is presented differently, states numbers are broken down by category; Papineau states no food benefit due to everyone qualifying for SNAP; Solum states numbers are 1 month in arrears, this is how it is paid

g) Motion to approve: Koch, Blue-Unanimous

VII. New Business

A. Requesting Audit

Papineau stated Will County Auditor stated Superintendent cannot request an Audit, needs to come from the Board.

Koch made motion to request audit from will County; 2nd Horne;

-Discussion – Blue stated she found it very helpful, explained well via presentation to the Exec. Board

a) Motion to approve - Unanimous

B. Upcoming expenses

Papineau advised all expenditures on the credit card must be Board approved. States in the past 5 years there have been 12 employees, Solum stated she does not have all the keys. Papineau stated per building manager Bays, cost will be \$1000k.

Discussion – Blue asked if it were possible to have an electronic key pay, McGlasson asked if it were possible to get re-keyable locks.

a) New locks on VAC doors

Koch- Motion to table new locks; 2nd Blue
Unanimous

b) Additional funds needed on IPass

Solum states we are paying it ahead to ensure it doesn't run out; McGlasson asked if we can reload at a higher amount, Koch suggested \$100

Motion to put \$100 on IPASS –

c) Motion to approve Blue, Koch; Unanimous

C. Future meeting schedule

Papineau states per OMA, WCVAC is to post all board meetings for the full year; per OMA, we have to have all meetings at the VAC unless we have a reason to change the meeting place/time; to be published in the newspaper

Discussion re:dates/times for next meetings

Next meeting will be Monee American Legion, 3rd Tuesday, 6:00pm
moving all meetings to 3rd Tuesday at 6pm

Discussion-Blue states she is

D. OMA training for board members

Papineau states all board members must complete OMA annual training, certificates to be kept on file at WCVAC

VIII. Old Business

A. Special Exec Committee selected Legal services of Tom O'Grady

Contract has not yet been received/reviewed by Board; will be next month

Williams will send a "when to meet" to set an exec board meeting to review atty. contract

B. DCEO 2022 Appropriation \$250,000.00

Papineau states we have lost/are losing this grant due to no new construction

C. IGA with County Executive Office Update

McGlasson states she has updated superintendent position in bylaws, states nothing currently about education/experience; asking the board to address this; McGlasson states per last meeting, we are going to go through Will County, states we

-Blue made motion to amend position to include mix of education and experience for position;
Koch 2nd; unanimous

D. Final review of proposed Bylaws

IX. For Good of the Commission

A. Restarting Homeless prevention coordination at VAC Beginning Wednesday 5/11

B. Van Wraps

C. Outreach

- a) Every Tuesday – VAC at Orland Park Vet Center – G. Wiza
- b) Every Monday – VAC at Orland Park Vet Center – A. Georgakopoulos
- c) Every Thursday – Together We Stand, Peer Support Group @ VAC Office
- d) Third Thursday – cancelled until further notice
- e) Second Monday - VAC at Manhattan American Legion Breakfast
- f) May 21,2022 – Beer & Bourbon Festival, Habitat for Humanity Veterans Build Fundraiser *Flyer Attached
- g) Lockport AL donated \$250. to WCVAC for veterans

X. Motion to Adjourn: Blue/Koch; unanimous

**VAC Committee Meeting
06/14/2022**