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Minutes

Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Monday January 9, 2023

Conference call number: 918-221-0224

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Story County Veterans Affairs @ 1600
126 South Kellogg Suite 001, Conference Room Ames

Roll Call:

In-Person: Director - Brett McLain, Chair – Nic Briseño, Vice Chair – Luke Vance, Secretary – Beth Hartmann, Monty Woodward, and Erin Rewerts

By phone: Amy Rosenberg

Absent: None

Open meeting, 1605: Nic Briseño Pledge to the Flag, moment of silence

Guest: Mike Brown, MSW, LISW, Clinical Social Worker Vet Center

One of best Supermarkets since he has been coming. Many folks came by the table to talk about mental health. Optimistic that more folks will start reaching out. Consistent engagement with Veterans from Story County. Still working on Iowa State students. Started going back to ISU about halfway through the fall semester. Very satisfied with the space he has been given in the Human Services Center.

1. **Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2022** – Amy will email to all later today.
2. **Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022** – Beth. Luke motion to approve. Monty seconds. Motion carries.
3. **Certification and approval of claims** – None.
4. **Monthly Office Report** – Brett presented December numbers. PACT Act tracking was added to report. 50% expended to date. Commissioners present signed. Amy will sign tomorrow.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. Quarterly Report to the Board of Supervisors 1.17.2023 – One burial claim. Commissioners present signed. Amy will sign tomorrow.
 - b. Budget updates – Brett, Nic, and Beth attended budget meeting at 1330 today. Brett discussed the VA van. Board requested more information regarding insurance. Line item will remain. Nic provided information about PACT Act.

c. By-Laws review - Put on as a standing agenda item for each July meeting once new members are onboard. Most recent recommended By-Laws updates will be presented to the Board tomorrow, 1.10.2023.

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Tabled:** VA Leased Van \$3,500 per year need to order by 1.10.2023. Monty makes a motion to approve. Luke seconds. Motion carries.
- b. **Tabled:** Coffee with the Commissioners - dates, location host on a Saturday. More discussion needed.

7. Next meeting Monday February 13, 2023, at 4 pm. Beth will send out calendar invitations for all future meetings.

Motion to Adjourn. Beth motions. Monty seconds. Motion carries.