Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 7, 2023 Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Agenda

The Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:08pm by Chairman David K. Cook Sr. or the 6th District. The Invocation was given by Darell Bishop of the 5th District. Chairman Cook Appointed himself of the 6th District as secretary.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Appoint Secretary
Roll Call of Committee Members
Chairman
Chairman

Dist.	Name	Substitute	Present	Absent	Voucher
1	Pat Grzybowski		X		
2	Mike Homan			X	
3	Mike Blackwell			X	
4	Jerry Perry	EXCUSED		X	
5	Darell Bishop		X		
6	David Cook, Chairman		X		
7	Vacant				
8	Donald Capps		X		
9	William Ditterbrand			X	
10	Bob Rhode		X		
11	Steve Wainwright		X		
12	Glenn Hickman			X	
13	Leroy Brinkhoff			X	
14	Bob Carson			X	
Total					

5. Introduction of Guest

a. William Genochio VBA Coordinator for the Department was present.

- 6. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - a. A motion was made by Bishop D-5 to suspend the rules and processed with the meeting. Seconded by Grzybowski D-1 motion passed.
 - b. All reviewed the minutes of the July 15, 2023. After review. A motion was made by Bishop D-5 and seconded by Grzybowksi of D 1 to except as emailed. Motion Passed.

7. District Reports:

- a. None
- 8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Review of Commission Awards was held. A motion was made by Capps D 8 to approve all wards. Motion Passed.
 - b. Guidelines regarding funds for Veterans Treatment Court. Guidelines were drafted by Darell Bishop D 5 and VBA Coordinator William Genochio, read to Commission by David Cook Sr. D 6. Review of Guidelines have been emailed out was had. As we did not have a quorum, the guidelines will be emailed out to all commission members and a vote by email will be taken to approve or not with the one change discussed by those who were in the meeting. The responses need to be in by Friday October 13th. Genochio will send the out to all members. Motion made by Bishop D 5 and second by Capps D 8 to do this. Motion Passed.
 - c. Review of Commission Rules, regarding the change to the first paragraph.
 - i. Genochio mentioned no answer yet from Department as to the direction to go regarding this request.
 - d. Update on HB 69
 - ii. Genochio gave brief update HB 69 still in committee.
- 9. New Business
 - a. DSO Report
 - i. Genochio gave report and asked if there were any question. He also stated in the process of training Cincinnati DSO, Jeff Delaney in conducting Appeals.
 - b. Gifts for Yanks Report
 - i. Bishop (D 5) gave a report on this. Some locations have issues with some of the gifts we were handing out. Now doing a credit card. At both OVH's they just put it in their account. Cook asked how we atr tracking this. Bishop stated we are not. This is how the subcommittee voted to do this to keep program going and work with the different locations.

10. Resolutions

- a. None
- 11. Good of the Legion
 - a. Genochio stated had 46 attend the Service Officers school. Looking at doing both a in person class as usual and have an online class for those who cannot attend on the day the class is held. Will have more info on this later.
- 12. Closing Prayer was given by Bishop D 5
- 13. Salute to the Colors
- 14. Adjourn, Meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm