# **MINUTES**

# **Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County**

The May 2022 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was called to order by Vice Chair Riske on 27 June 2022 at 5:05 pm.

Four Executive Committee members were present. Chairman Kelm was absent.

Four Boone County Post delegates were present. Chairman Kelm was absent.

Prior to the meeting, Superintendent Ryder presented annual community VAC service, volunteer, and donor awards

Secretary's reading of the Minutes was approved on motion by Berni Bland and second by John Darley.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Reports by the President:**

None

## **Committee Reports:**

None

## **Superintendent's Report:**

- Submitted March, April, May VACBC Monthly "Operations Report"
- Submitted March, April, May VAC "Monthly Veterans Assistance Status Report"
- Reported on upcoming Boone County fair readiness

On motion by John Darley and second by Bruce Anderson the Superintendent's Report was accepted

## **Old Business:**

- Jess Strebin reported that VAC policy on providing assistance to convicted felons should be unchanged. Current VACBC policy is consistent with the Illinois Public Aid Act and any changes would have to be driven by the state legislature not the VAC.
- Revisions to VAC assistance levels based on 2022 poverty level will completed shortly

## **New Business:**

 Asst. Superintendent Elizabeth Carvel made presentation on current transportation demands for clients and particularly those with special conditions and special needs. She highlighted the special needs, problems, and costs of meeting these and ongoing demands. Her recommendation is that the VAC acquire a specially equipped van. On motion by Jess Strebin and second by Bruce Anderson a Transportation Committee will be formed to investigate the acquisition of a VAC van. Upon completion of the investigation, a report and proposal is to be submitted to the Executive Committee. The Transportation Committee members are:

Berni Bland John Darley Elizabeth Carvel

#### **General Discussion:**

None

The next meeting will be held 26 September 2022 at 5:00 pm at VFW Post 1461 at 1310 West Lincoln, Belvidere, IL

On motion by Les Richter and second by Bruce Anderson the May 2022 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Strebin Secretary