

# MINUTES

## Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County

The May 2023 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was called to order by Chairman Kelm on 20 May 2023 at 5:10 pm.

By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended to address the vacancy of a Commission delegate and Executive Board seat.

Post#77 has designated Brad Niles as Commission Delegate to fill the vacancy created by Marilyn Riske's resignation. On motion by Jess Strebins and second by Greg Kelm, Brad Niles was appointed Vice Chair of the Executive Committee and appointed to fill the now open position on the Search and Selection committee for new Superintendent.

By unanimous consent, the meeting returned to regular order to proceed with regular agenda.

All Executive Committee members were present except John Darley who was excused. County Board member Marion Thornberry attended.

All Boone County Post delegates were present except John Darley who was excused.

Secretary's reading of the 23 April 2023 meeting Minutes was approved on motion by Bruce Anderson and second by Berni Bland.

Secretary's reading of the Emergency Meeting Minutes held 26 April 2023 was approved on motion by Bruce Anderson and second by Berni Bland.

### **Public Comment:**

- Luther Rowlett stated his appreciation for Mr. Ryder's help with his VAC assistance
- Clint Morris, Belvidere Mayor, stated his appreciation for Mr. Ryder's assistance with veteran referrals
- Marion Thornberry reiterated appreciation of Mr. Ryder's help and expressed his confidence in the VAC Board going forward.

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

- None

### **Committee Reports:**

- Search Committee is completing job description and moving forward

### **Superintendent's Report:**

- Starting to compile monetary value of VA Benefits being brought into the county
- Discussed current office hours during this transition period

- Discussed updating contact information
- Submitted May VACBC Monthly “Operations Report”
- Submitted May VAC “Monthly Veterans Assistance Status Report”
- Discussed upcoming County Fair plans and need for volunteers

On motion by Bruce Anderson and second by Brad Niles the Superintendent’s Report was accepted

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**General Discussion:**

- None

The next meeting will be held 17 July 2023 at 5:00 pm at VFW Post 1461 at 1310 West Lincoln, Belvidere, IL

On motion by Bruce Anderson and second by Berni Bland the May 2023 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was adjourned at 5:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jess Strebin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jess Strebin  
Secretary