

MINUTES

Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County

The June 2023 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was called to order by Chairman Kelm on 17 July 2023 at 5:03 pm.

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

Post#1461 has designated John Grzelak as Commission Delegate to fill the vacancy created by John Darley's resignation. On motion by Jess Strebin and second by Greg Kelm, John Grzelak was appointed Judge Advocate of the Executive Committee.

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

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

All Boone County Post delegates were present except Brad Niles who was excused.

Secretary's reading of the Minutes was approved as read.

Public Comment:

- None

Reports by the President:

- None

Committee Reports:

- Search for new Superintendent is progressing. Job posting is on web site and applications must be received by 1 August 2023.

Superintendent's Report:

- Discussed new Facebook page
- Discussed web site status
- Submitted June VACBC Monthly "Operations Report"
- Submitted June VAC "Monthly Veterans Assistance Status Report"
- Discussed upcoming County Fair plans and need for volunteers
- Discussed ability to provide burial flags to VFW honor guard on unique occasions
- Discussed the success and disability levels in processing claims under the PACT Act

On motion by Berni Bland and second by John Grzelak the Superintendent's Report was accepted

Old Business:

- Draft of new VAC Personnel and Policies Manual was presented for review. A vote for approval was requested at the next VAC Board meeting

New Business:

- None

General Discussion:

On 12 August 2023 the city is planning to rename part Logan Street after Jeff Smith, the first county resident KIA in Viet Nam. Roscoe VFW is offering PACT Act seminar. Rock Falls is bringing in the traveling wall.

The next meeting will be held 21 August 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 June 2023 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was adjourned at 5:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jess Strebin', written over a horizontal line.

Jess Strebin
Secretary