

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Council

February 8, 2024

Chair: Michael Harding

Vice Chair: Bob Nichols

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; *italics indicates excused*]

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American Legion #14

American Legion #44

American Legion #168

American Legion #176

American Veterans #6

Camas Post 27

DAV Chapter #4

Korean War Assoc. #321

Marine Corps League #826

VFW #4278

VFW #7824

Vietnam Vets #512

Members at Large

PRIMARY

Bob Brennan

Gene Couture

Darren Wertz

Bob Nichols

Thomas Phillips

John Lovejoy

Wes Forgey

Bruce Maas

Earl Edwards

Steve Slegers

Shannon Roberts

Michael Harding

Greg Whitson

Kelly Jones

Bryan McGillis

Tonya Wark

Tamara Elam

Megan Anderson

Eli Gonzalez

Michael Langsdorf

Lloyd Bowman

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers

Charles Ingalls

Michael Gibson

Vanise Pratt

Shawn O'Neil

Tom Cousino

Dixie Hotaling

Ron Brandon

Dana Difford

Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: Abby Molloy

Guests: CVTV23, Janet Snook (Clark County); Lori Pugh, Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Emma (VA representative for Congresswoman Glusenkamp-Perez)

Approval of January 11, 2024, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Bob Nichols that was seconded by Michael Langsdorf.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures:

Section 3.5.2 is not updated in the online version. County staff will update the website to have the accurate version. Request for a policies and procedures meeting was made. A date will be determined.

Member roles and responsibilities

Members play an important role in creating recommendations for veterans in Clark County. Members are expected to be knowledgeable of programs, services, and needs. Members do not administer policies or programs. They are expected to attend meetings well prepared and work with the group. They are not allowed to make decisions unilaterally for the board or to accept gratuities. Additional responsibilities are detailed in the handbook.

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December 2023, Contractor & Fund reports

The fund assisted 64 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 596 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$3,762 for 6 veterans. The WDVA filed 896 claims with 90 percent success. The Fund balance was \$624,962.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Thanks to the Elks Lodge and Opus Music for sponsoring successful Bingo last Saturday.
- July 16 fundraiser at ilani: Red, White, and Blue: A Salute to Veterans.

Old Business

Copies of the RCW regarding the veterans' levy are available.

New Business

- Kelly Jones made a motion to appoint three members to investigate whether part of Camp Bonneville could be used as a veterans' cemetery. Motion was seconded by Tamara Wark and carried.

Open Forum

- PointMan International Ministries is running again, to support combat and any veteran, and first responders.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 14, 2024