

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

March 10, 2022

Meeting held remotely.

Chair: Michael Harding

Vice Chair: Shannon Roberts

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14

American Legion #44

American Legion #168

American Legion #176

American Veterans #6

DAV Chapter #4

Korean War Assoc. #321

Marine Corps League #826

VFW #4278

VFW #7824

VFW # 12028

Vietnam Vets #512

Members at Large

PRIMARY

Morris Geisler

Darren Wertz

Bob Nichols

Thomas Phillips

John Lovejoy

Bruce Maas

Earl Edwards

Steve Slegers

Shannon Roberts

Michael Harding

Greg Whitson

Kelly Jones

Kevin Lawson

Bryan McGillis

Tonya Wark

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers

John Rose

Michael Gibson

Vanise Pratt

Tom Cousino

Dixie Hotaling

John Stofiel

Dana Difford

Clark County Representative: Emily Langston

Guests: Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre, (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); **Janet Snook** (Clark County); **Greg Kimsey** (Clark County Auditor)

Approval of February 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion from Shannon Roberts that was seconded by Bruce Maas.

Overview of County Auditor's Office

The Auditor's Office covers document recording, marriage license issuance, motor vehicle registration, and elections. Elections' integrity is vital. Voters must inform the office when they move. All equipment has been certified at federal and state levels, and all ballots follow chain-of-custody requirements. Computers used to tabulate ballots are not connected to internet. Persons verifying signatures have been trained in handwriting analysis. Manual audits are conducted on day following election to confirm accuracy. Overseas military voters must request a voters' pamphlet to receive it. It is also available online. Most bases have a voting assistance officer that has the information from all states.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

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January 2022, Contractor & Fund Reports

The fund assisted 47 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 138 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 1 veteran. The Fund balance at the end of January was \$729,888.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Hours will return to 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday, beginning March 21
- Opening a booth at First Saturday in Ridgefield beginning in April
- Team *The Young and the Rest of Us* participating in Paddle for Life this year
- The Columbian did an article on CCVAC
- In-person Stand Down scheduled for September 9, 9am-3pm, at River City Church. Donations welcome for match for Defense grant

Old Business

- Logistics to meet hybrid next month are continuing to be investigated

New Business

- VSO claims take time to process. CCVAC has enough load for a third VSO or intake person to address the waiting list. Veterans can also go to other VSOs to apply for assistance

Open Forum

- Paddle for Life is on Lake River, Ridgefield, August 6, supporting Camp Mariposa
- CMAC salutes youth going into military service at Skyview High School in April
- Ridgefield Raptors likely holding a veterans' event this year
- 4278 holding Bingo after meetings on the fourth Wednesdays, \$10 per card

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting April 14, 2022.