

January 8, 2025: The Veterans Assistance Commission of Adams County met at 3701 East Lake Center 1800 Hours.

Call to Order by Richard Elsenpeter at 1804 Hours

Members Present: Richard Elsenpeter: Quincy American Legion, David Spurrier: Reserve Officers, Larry Schafer: Camp Point VFW, George Newbanks Quincy American Legion, Darrell Schrage: Camp Point VFW, Steve Williams Reserver Officers

Quorum Declared by Vice Chair: Richard Elsenpeter

Commanders/Commandants & Guest: NONE

Staff: Paul Havermale

Elsenpeter led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Havermale led the invocation

Public/open Comments – TWTSV is producing new PSAs and Elsenpeter asked for input and for people to be in the PSAs. Schrage updated on the status of the IVHQ move and that it is delayed some, the IVHQ staff will advise when they are ready

The minutes of the November 13, 2024, meeting was distributed. The printed minutes were amended to add that Schafer seconded the approval of the Superintendent report and that the December 11, 2024, meeting was cancelled, the date was corrected for December 2024 meeting cancellation, the amended minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Schrage and a second by Williams, all approved.

Financial Report – Havermale presented: The monthly budget status for November 2024 (fiscal year end) was discussed and presented. No extraordinary expenditures, vouchers were presented for Delegate review, vouchers are in order. County Board approved the budget as presented by the Delegate Board and the approved budget was discussed. Havermale reported that the private VAC fund had received \$7000.00 in donations last year and the balance of the fund is \$1900.35. The expenditures of the fund were for VAC programming that was immediate need or ear marked for a specific purpose. On a motion by Schafer and seconded by Spurrier all approved the report

Superintendent report by Havermale: Updated on the status of the VSO hire, 10 Veterans applied, and interviews are underway. Havermale updated on travel for VAC business. Havermale will attend and present at the IDHS event on January 15, 2025, in Champaign, Havermale will attend the IACVAC winter and executive meeting January 22-25 in Peoria. The VA claim performance of the VACAC was discussed and presented. The VACAC is performing well in this role. On a motion by Schrage and second by Newbanks the motion was approved.

New business:

The VACAC support letter and forms are mailed to the eligible Veteran Organizations. Additional discussion of VSOs in the area and the VACAC relationship with IDVA and the VA clinic was discussed. No action needed,

The next meeting is February 12, 2025, at 3701 East Lake Center at 1800 hours

Meeting adjourned on a motion of Schrage and second by Newbanks, all approved. Adjourned at 1910 Hours

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Havermale