

March 12, 2025 The Veterans Assistance Commission of Adams County met at 3701 East Lake Center 1800 Hours.

Superintendent Havermale acting as temporary Chair/Facilitator

Call to Order by Havermale at 1801 Hours

Members Present: Girouard, Newbanks, Schrage, Schafer, Spurrier, Williams, Watkins, Jacobs, Geise, Altheide, Geschwandner,

County Board Liaison Present: Fletcher

Quorum Declared by Havermale

Commanders/Commandants & Guest: No Commanders – Guest- Richard Elsenpeter

Staff: Paul Havermale

Havermale led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Watkins led the invocation

Election of Officers

Chair – Schrage was nominated by Watkins, no other nominations, motion by Watkins and Second by Newbanks, All aye 0 Nay

Vice Chair – Newbanks was nominated by Spurrier, no additional nominations, Motion by Spurrier second by Schrage to confirm, All aye

\*\*\*\*\* Delgado arrived at this time 18:12 \*\*\*\*\*

Treasurer – Watkins was nominated by Schrage, no additional nominations, Schrage made a motion to confirm, second by Schafer – All Aye

Chaplin – Spurrier nominated by Watkins, no additional nominations, Motion by Watkins second by Schrage to confirm, All Aye

Schrage took seat as the Chair

Public/open Comments – Richard Elsenpeter addressed the Board and thanked all for their support and service. Richard was thanked for his efforts in establishing the VACAC and his service.

The minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting were distributed. Havermale read the minutes. On a motion by Schrage and second by Geise the 02/13/25 Minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report – Havermale presented the monthly budget status for February 2025. The Vouchers from last meeting to today were presented by the Treasurer- Watkins, all vouchers are in order. On a motion by Schrage and seconded by Geise the report was received, all yea

Superintendent report by Havermale: New clients were reported at 94 new since 01/01/25. The VACAC has seen an uptick due to winter conditions and additional client need. Havermale spoke at CHNA meeting Bella Ease X 3, II General Assembly Lobby Day in Springfield, Travel involved. New VSO Dallas English is on board and training. Additional office space is occupied. Havermale presented a number of IL legislative issues for informational purposes. The VACAC confidentiality statements were distributed and signed. Action required to approve travel for IL General Assembly Lobby Day. On a motion by Watkins and Second by Schafer, report was received and approved.

Travel approval for Legislative Lobby Day for 03/19/25 for Havermale – Motion to approve by Watkins and Second by Girouard All Aye

New business: Watkins presented 24-25 Goals for Havermale. The goals were read. Watkins moved that the goals be adopted as the basis for Havermale's review in September. Watkins motion was seconded by Geise. All approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Geise, second by Spurrier, All approved. Time of adjournment was 19:08