

The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held the regular monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on August 13th, 2009 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lipovac, O'Kane, Quijano

County Attorney Dan Flaherty is present.

Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs Director Patrick Palmersheim is present.

Moved by Quijano, Seconded by O'Kane to approve the minutes of July 9th, 2009 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: O'Kane, Lipovac, Quijano

Moved by O'Kane, Seconded by Quijano to approve the claims submitted for the month.

VOTE YEA: O'Kane, Lipovac, Quijano

Director's report was given by David DeBolt, Director.

Discussion of federal claims and allocation with Patrick Palmershiem.

Commission discussed the following changes to the Iowa Code effective July 1, 2010:

1. assistance for peacetime veterans
2. federal paperwork
3. unfunded mandate
4. \$10,000 allocation

Alec Quijano nominated Terry Lipovac for chairperson seconded by O'Kane.

VOYE YEA: Quijano, O'Kane

Alec Quijano nominated Mindy O'Kane for secretary seconded by Lipovac.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, Quijano

The Polk County Veterans Commission is placing a moratorium on benefits under section 5.12, of its guidelines. Under the moratorium, no veteran, who is not now currently receiving benefits under section 5.12, will be entitled to apply for section 5.12 benefits and no new benefits under section 5.12 will be given. This moratorium will last for a period of three months, allowing the director and his staff time to research whether or not the new statutes granting unemployment benefits to this same group would be duplicative of the benefits in section 5.12.

VOTE YEA: Quijano, O'Kane, Lipovac

Client # VS0096- Veteran has been over income for past six years. Wants assistance on rent, has lived at the same place for the past nine years. Veteran did not attend meeting.

VOTE NAY: O'Kane, Lipovac, Quijano

Client #GY4009 – Veteran is over income, gave exception month before. Veteran did not attend meeting.

VOTE NAY: O’Kane, Quijano, and Lipovac

Client #GX5247- Veteran did not attend meeting. Director presented case to commission.

VOTE NAY: Quijano, O’Kane, Lipovac

Client #VS1883- Veteran was not able to attend meeting, he has no transportation. His case was presented to Commission by Senior Veteran Representative Rebecca Buch. Veteran is requesting assistance with rent. He has had numerous transportation expenses since December 2008. Wife has been ill and unable to work, she has been hospitalized frequently. They have no money for food or personal items per veteran.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac

VOTE NAY: Quijano, O’Kane

September’s meeting: will be held on September 10th, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Quijano Seconded by O’Kane to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE YEA: O’Kane, and Lipovac

Terry Lipovac, Chairperson