

Mills County Veterans Affairs

September 14, 2023, Agenda

To: All VA Commissioners, Board of Supervisors Liaison, MCVA staff

Christina Hankins, Caseworker

Lori Swisher, Clerk

Paul Hathaway, 2023

Yolanda Hardesty, 2025

Jim Schoening, Chair 2025

Jess Cook, 2023

Jeanne Wilkins, 2025

Richard Crouch, Board of Supervisors, Since 2003

From: Elizabeth Richardson, Administrator

Re: August Regular Meeting 8:30 am

Location: 602 South Locust Street, Glenwood

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Old Business

1. The Chair is seeking a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting.

Motion

2. Purchase of office property update.

3. HBI update

4. PACT Act Update – Wed/9th final date for the one-year filing deadline. CAN FILE PACT ACT ANYTIME. Due to filing deadline. Deadline from 08/09 – 08/14 to 09/29 ???

5. Cultivate Community Event was a success

D. Reports and Outreach

1. Administrator's Monthly Reports/Training

- a. Communication and Forms Reports

- b. Quarterly Assistance Report – one?

Discussion re Assistance

May Motion for *closed meeting* if needed.

- c. Running Awards C and P = \$952, 514

- d. Fall School – Commissioner's training will be October 9th, CVSO training October 10 – 12th at the ZA GA ZIG Shrine Temple in Altoona Iowa.

- e. Training: Montgomery, Page, Fremont, and Mills
IVBB Ben Dales attended as well

- f. VA Des Moines RO 4th Quarter Training

- g. Vetraspec Update/Training

2. Outreach Activities
 - a. DOT outreach
 - b. Last of Donated veggies

3. Caseworker's Monthly Reports
 - a. DAV Van report

4. New Business
 - a. Commissioners Update-open time for Commissioners to share updates and area activities re veterans and their families.

 - c. Homecoming Hours
 - d. Bill Vouchers

E. Adjourn

The Chair is seeking a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion

Next meeting

September 14th

Mills County Veterans Affairs

August 9, 2023, Minutes

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Richard Crouch, Board of Supervisors, Since 2003

From: *Elizabeth Richardson, Administrator*

Re: August Regular Meeting 8:3 am

Location: 602 South Locust Street, Glenwood

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

C. Old Business

1. A Motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting was made by Jess; seconded by Yolanda. The motion passed.
2. Richard informed the Board that the BOS was in the process of purchasing the property and should close by end of August. The exact date not know at this time due to when the Courthouse could process the claim.
3. HBI update – Jathan, from Des Moines, is still working with area counties to ensure all are part of HBI by the end of the year.
4. PACT Act Update – Wed/9th final date for the one-year filing deadline. CAN FILE PACT ACT ANYTIME. Due to filing deadline. Very busy first part of August. During the meeting, Lori was informed that this due date was immediately pushed back to August 14th, 2023.
5. Hot Dog Days had approximately 220 hotdogs eaten. There were many new faces and families that attended. Val's cupcakes were very popular.
6. The office will have an outreach table at the Cultivate Community Event with Dave from Omaha VA Medical

1. New Business

a. Commissioners Update

Richard has been appointed to the Military and Veteran services committee for NACO.

Jim and Richard will not be able to attend the next meeting due to prior commitments.

Jess attended as Honor Guard veteran funerals in the area

b. Fremont's new CVS Mark Stenstall, retired National Guard

- c. Jess made a motion to approve the purchase of red binders used for veteran's claims in an amount over \$500.00; Yolanda seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Adjourn

Jess made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Paul seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

Next meeting

September 14th