



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 2:00 p.m. on May 12, 2011 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lipovac, Scione, Oliver

County Attorney Dan Flaherty was present.

Administrator Rebecca Buch Present

Assistant Administrator Nick Lemmo Present

Moved by Scione, Seconded by Lipovac to approve the minutes of May 14, 2011 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, Scione

Moved by Scione, Seconded by Oliver to approve the claims submitted for the month.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, Scione, Oliver

Welcoming new commissioner Jennifer Oliver

Discussed Guideline changes, definition of a veteran following Iowa code

Moved by Lipovac, Seconded by Scione to approve the change in the guidelines.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, Scione, Oliver

Administrator's report was given by Rebecca Buch

- a) Veteran Representative Mike Flaherty is now seeing clients side by side
- b) Summer help, Christine Brewer started May 11, 2011
- c) Administrator attends many informative meetings to further discuss our benefits
- d) Rebecca and Mike attending the Senior Picnic May 18, 2011
- e) Rebecca, Nick and Jennifer Minor, justice outreach mentor, are meeting with correctional officers at Ft. DSM to discuss the Justice Outreach Program
- f) Many homecomings to inform veterans of our services
- g) Rebecca and Nick leaving for NACVSO training in Biloxi, MS June 4- June 11
- h) Veteran Affairs has had complaints about the cities cemeteries, complaints are flags are tattered and torn, and the cemeteries are selling the flags. Rebecca and Nick want to meet the cemeteries director to discuss the issue. Iowa code states we may provide markers, states nothing about flags. We have ordered another 10,000 flags to help alleviate the problem.

June's meeting: will be held on June 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.



Terry Lipovac, Chairperson