



**Meeting Minutes of the  
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission  
October 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM**

**I. Call to Order**

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

**II. Roll Call**

Administrative Officer Bryan Suddith took the roll call.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Present</u> | <u>Excused</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X              |                |               |
| William Fried, Vice President | X              |                |               |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X              |                |               |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X              |                |               |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X              |                |               |

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Director, Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer and Steven Strain, Veterans Legal Counsel

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Fried moved to accept the August 10 meeting minutes without changes and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

Commissioner Dare moved to accept the September 7 meeting minutes without changes and Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

## V. Public Comments

Mr. Mark Keiller presented his Civics Day Camp to staff and commission. He is interested in sharing his curriculum to any civic related organization. More information about Mr. Keiller's program can be found at <https://www.civicsdaycamp.com/>

## VI. Old Business

- a) Consideration of the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of August 1-31, 2022

Commissioner Fried moved to accept the report without changes and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

- b) Consideration of the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of September 1-30, 2022

Commissioner Fried moved to accept the report without changes and Commissioner Theobald seconded the motion.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

- c) 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion Documentary Event
  - a. Director Frisco reported to the Commission our involvement in bringing this documentary to Dayton. Events are scheduled for November 4, 5 & 6 in the greater Dayton area.

**VII. New Business**

- a) Holiday Meal Cards, staff are prepared to distribute 200 Aldi Grocery Gift Cards to Veterans in need. Threshold would mirror the Coat Giveaway income guidelines. After discussion the number was increased to 250 cards at a value of \$200.00 each.

Commissioner Theobald moved to approve the expenditure of \$50,000 in support of the Holiday Meal Gift Card event (250 cards at \$200 each). Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

- b) Discussion around a possible sanction were had with staff and commissioners.

Commissioner Fried moved that the Commission enter Executive Session for the purposes detailed in ORC 121.22 G 8. Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 10:39 a.m.

The Commission exited Executive Session at 10:56 a.m.

The Commissioners dicussed a case where we believe a veteran's spouse fraudulently applied for financial aid. We decided to provide notice to both the veteran and the spouse and provide an opportunity to be heard. The Commission will send notice to the Veteran, in addition to the notice already sent to the (applicant) Veteran's spouse. Further discussion and action were tabled until notice could be delivered.

- c) Commissioner Dare moved that the Commission consider and approve a one-time cash payment to all members of the staff. Commissioner Fried seconded the motion.

Commission discussion resulted in a dollar amount of \$600 being recommended.

The vote to approve \$600 one-time payments to all staff in the month of December 2022 was as follows.

| <u>Commissioners</u>          | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Jerry Hays, President         | X          |            |                |
| William Fried, Vice President | X          |            |                |
| Jim Dare, Secretary           | X          |            |                |
| Michael Howley, Commissioner  | X          |            |                |
| John Theobald, Commissioner   | X          |            |                |

President Hays declared the motion approved.

- d) Executive Director Frisco and Administrative Officer Suddith shared with the Commission progress and plans to investigate the viability and feasibility of the MCVSC offices moving to Montgomery County's Reibold Building in 2024. The lease at One Elizabeth Place expires in December of 2023.

### **VIII. Management Report**

Director Frisco shared the legal and outreach reports as well as a review of the financial report.

### **IX. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Hays

Commissioner Fried

- Next VVA meeting October 20.
- Thank you to the team that attended the Honor Flight at Dayton International
- On 10/25 there will be a Caregiver Support event and Open House at the Boonshoft Center for Jewish Culture and Education. Commissioner Fried will be there and is seeking support from Staff for the event.

Commissioner Dare

- Reported that his post along with others have sent support to partner posts in South Florida to assist in the post-hurricane efforts there.

Commissioner Theobald

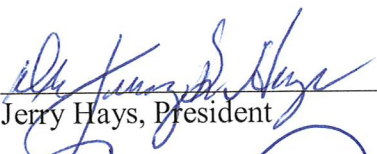
- Reported that the meeting with Senator Brown's office regarding the PACT act was informative and a good conversation for the Commission to be a part of.

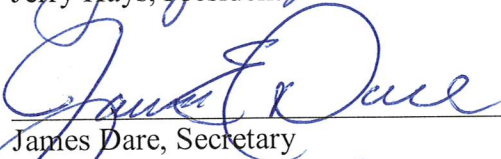
Commissioner Howley

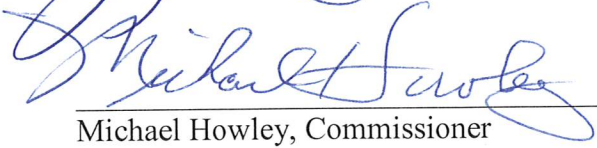
- Reported back from the District 3 VFW meeting with news about how properties of closed VFW Posts are handled.

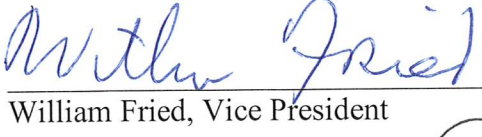
### **X. Adjournment**

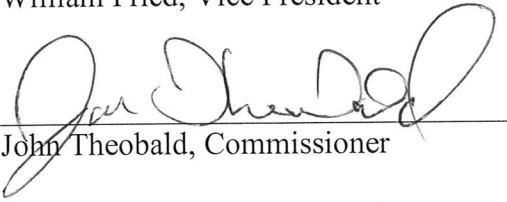
The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

  
Jerry Hays, President

  
James Dare, Secretary

  
Michael Howley, Commissioner

  
William Fried, Vice President

  
John Theobald, Commissioner

