

VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Minutes

Laura Rios Chief Veterans Services Officer

> Veterans Services Committee

> > Pat Daniels Chairman

Therese Wrobel Vice Chairman

Michael Salvers Member at Large

Member at Large

Joel Rutherford

Manuel Gonzales

Don Martindale

Member at Large

Member at Large

Terri Weston

Secretary

1. Session was called to order by Chairman Daniels at 11:00 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen troops, MIA's and those still serving. This will be Pat Daniels last meeting, he is retiring to Florida. The Commissioners want to thank Pat for all of his time and dedication to Veterans and their dependents from all over.

2. Roll call of members shows all present.

Motion to adopt agenda Wrobel, second Gonzales MC

Motion to accept minutes Wrobel, second Gonzales MC

5. Motion to go into closed session Rutherford, second Wrobel MC

6. 6. Motion to return to Business Martindale, second Wrobel MC

Unfinished business:

- a. Town Hall meetings were a success.
- b. From last year in the same 7 months, we received 70-100 calls per day and our website went from 3,000 hits to 112,00 hits. Advertising for PACT Act is working plus Camp Lejeune cases are up with TV advertisement.
- c. Fifty-four signs for Macomb County Veteran Millage are left; Rutherford will pick up ten from my house. Salyers left five at American Legion and Rios gave four away. We will disseminate the rest before next meeting.

8. New business:

- The Commission appointed Therese Wrobel as the new Chairman and Michael Salyers as the new Vice Chairman; he will retain the Secretary position until new members are appointed.
- b. Results of close session: three cases presented; two approved and one partial
- c. Presented the new PACT Act to last two locations; October 5 & 11. Good turnout.
- d. Talked about plans to spend down excess money in fund balance. These two ideas were supported: Big Jim's House and 94.7 WCSX, "I Thank You" 2022 events.
- 9. Meeting to adjourn motion by Martindale, second Wrobel MC meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Secretary, Michael Salyers