

LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERANS' COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Members Present	Kevin Nagle Joe Riker Robert J. Bezotte
Members Absent	Bruce Hundley James Wallace
Staff Present	Mary Durst Rich McNulty, County Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Joe Riker

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Motion to remove 4.3 until full quorum present.

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley, James Wallace

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Approved as amended

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley, James Wallace

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Review written opinion of legal counsel

Moved By Robert J. Bezotte

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Go into closed session at 5:33.

Yes (3): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (2): Bruce Hundley, and James Wallace

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Leave closed session at 6:10 p.m.

Yes (3): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (2): Bruce Hundley, and James Wallace

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Delegate authority to the department Director to hire, discipline and discharge subordinate employees of the department without committee deliberation or decision. Such decisions will continue to be subject to the grievance procedure set forth with the employee personnel manual".

Yes (3): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (2): Bruce Hundley, and James Wallace

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

James Wallace arrives at 6:17 p.m.

4.2 NACVSO training

Director presented cost to send 3 employees to NACVSO training in April totaling \$4,152.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Tabled.

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4.3 Selecting new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Amend the agenda to re-add 4.3

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Appoint J. Riker as Chair.

Yes (3): Kevin Nagle, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Abstain (1): Joe Riker

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

Moved By James Wallace

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Appoint B. Bezotte as Vice Chair

Yes (3): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

Abstain (1): Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (3 to 0)

Moved By James Wallace

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Appoint M. Durst as temporary Secretary.

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4.4 New MVAA guidelines

Discussed new MVAA firewalls and how it effects service to the vets.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

5.1 19-04

Asking \$2,100 for attorney fees related to bankruptcy, \$323.63 for Consumers Energy, \$130 for well repair, \$1,704.49 for auto insurance and \$515.60 for plumbing. Vet terminally ill and cannot work.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Joe Riker

Approve full amount.

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

5.2 19-06

\$1,130.00 requested for mattress and ortho shoes.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Approved up to \$1,130.00.

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

5.3 19-05

On Government furlough. Requesting \$1,203.08 for house loan. \$100 gas and \$250 food approved in office. Extensive discussion on unique situation. K. Nagle motion to table with no support. It was determined since vet will get back pay once government reopens, he should talk to his loan company to see if they can work out an arrangement. Veteran's Counselor assistance offered for case management.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Joe Riker

Application denied due to the following reasons:

Vet makes too much money to qualify as "indigent" under the "Indigent Relief Fund Policy".

Need was not emergent as vet did not present an eviction notice.

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 18-114

Form signed by committee for finance. Payment previously approved.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

8.1 Office update

Getting quote for painting waiting room, front area and Director's office. Also getting a quote to install permanent walls and a door to Director's office. Would like to have it completed during the week of NACVSO training. Will have to close down office. Updates to come.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Moved By Joe Riker

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (4): Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)