



TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024, at 19:00hrs
Tazewell EMA Building

1. Called to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Roll Call:
 - a. Chairperson: Shannon Saal
 - b. Vice-Chair: Bob Dant
 - c. Superintendent: Steve Saal
 - d. VSO: Jim Chism
 - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder (excused)
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting
 - g. Attendees: Bob Dant and Bob Hotkevich from AMVETS 169; Jim Wheat from Mackinaw AL 607; Will Stodgel and Mike Ragan from Washington AL 100; and Shannon Saal from Pekin AL 44; Jeremy Martin from Tremont AL 1236; Terry Stone and Rich Byars from the Marine Corps League; Rick Gumm from AL 983; Phil Ballinger and Danny Haley from VVI; Dan Swift from MOPH 175; Bryan Hasty from VFW 2078; Gil Gravitt and Joe Weghorst from AL 382; Terry L. Knollenberg and Ron Clark from VFW 1232; Charlie Guillens from VFW 4835; and Dave Hicks AL 318.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Dave Hicks, 2nd by Phil Ballinger. Motion passed.

5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion to accept by Terry Stone, 2nd by Jeremy Martin. Motion passed.
6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 72 Veterans and 153 dependents.
7. VSO Report: (Jim Chism), 12 claims in the month of April; 35 since January.
8. Old Business: Adopting of the By-Laws for Commission of Tazewell County. Dave Hicks brought up that that the Superintendent does not need to be a VSO. Chairwoman Shannon Saal concurred according to state statute. Motion to pass By-Laws by Dave Hicks, and 2nd by Rich Byars. Motion passed.
9. New Business: Hire an Administrative Assistant in FY 2025. Motion to pass New Business by Terry Stone, 2nd by Dave Hicks. Motion passed.
10. Public Comments: There are a lot of Memorial Day Services throughout Tazewell County on May 27th. Also Bob Dant reported he will collect funds for the 'Wreaths Across America' Ceremony on December 14th, 2024.
11. Adjournment: motioned by Joe Weghorst, and 2nd by Terry Stone. Motion passed.