



Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1530 hrs. on August 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marty Smith, Vikki Domina
Commissioner James Marren Present via teleconference
Assistant County Attorney Mark Taylor Present
Executive Director Pat Sweeney Present
Deputy Director Michael Mortensen Present

Minutes:

Julys' minutes approved no objections.

Claims:

First month into the fiscal year and currently 2.86% over budget. Annual perpetual care of Veterans graves with the City of Des Moines cemeteries has been paid in full.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Marren to approve the previous months claims.
VOTE YEA: Smith, Domina, Marren

Exception Report:

Pat discussed 34 exceptions above the allowable guidelines for the month of July 2024.
The exception report is within guideline and ratified.
Moved by Domina, seconded by Smith to approve the exceptions for July 2024.
VOTE YEA: Domina, Smith, Marren

Executive Directors' Report:

Pat reviewed statistics comparing several data points to last fiscal year, all aspects of services provided have shown significant increase. Office renovations have been completed. Financial Assistant Clerk Augustmae Dobbs started today and will be a valuable asset to our department. Our office hosted a round table event for Congressman Nunn, discussing avenues utilized to maintain communications and relationships with clientele.

DART partnership continues to be a success with a total of 13,774 riders in the month of August. Compared to the previous fiscal year that is an increase of over 2000 riders.

September meeting scheduled for September 17, 2024 at 1530 hrs.

Adjournment

Marty Smith, Chair
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