

# CHAMPAIGN COUNTY VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday November 15, 2016 - 6:00p.m.

Brookens Administration Center 1776 Washington Street Urbana, Illinois 61802

Board Members Present: John Maggio, Larry Soliday, Ron DuFrane, Brad Gould, Gary

Massey, Sandy Hubert

**Board Members Absent:** Ray Elliott, Jim Ellis

**Members Present:** Jim Forman

**County Board Members Present:** 

#### Call to Order

Maggio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## Roll Call

President, John Maggio, Vice President Larry Soliday, Treasurer, Ron DuFrane, Delegate @ Large, Gary Massey, Superintendent, Brad Gould and Sandy Hubert, Secretary, were present. Delegate @ Large, Jim Ellis and Judge Advocate, Ray Elliott were absent.

#### **Approval of minutes**

**MOTION** by Massey to approve the February 16, 2016 meeting minutes; seconded by DuFrane. **Motion carried with unanimous support.** 

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by Massey to approve the agenda; seconded by DuFrane. **Motion carried** with unanimous support.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's Report was read and distributed. **MOTION** by Massey to approve the report; seconded by Dufrane. **Motion carried with unanimous support.** 

Superintendent Gould discussed the increase in younger and female veterans. Discussion on the number of homeless veterans. Discussion on job fairs normally on have entry-level positions.

Superintendent Gould attended his regular training with the VA and attended the annual certification IACVAC training.

Superintendent Gould discussed an annual letter that will be sent to all veteran organizations in the county.

## **Public Participation**

## **New Business**

Elections were held for the board members for 2017. All board members will remain the same with exception of Jim Forman becoming the Judge Advocate. Note that Jim Ellis provided a texted in advance to running for his position.

#### **Other Business**

## **Good of the Commission**

Superintendent Gould introduced Shana Gould. Shana explained to the board how she helped a veteran and his dog. Shana was able to raise 388 pounds of food and some money for shots, so a veteran could keep his best friend.

Brad Gould discussed the lack of veterans that attended the Urbana High School event.

Next meeting will then be February 21, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Hubert Secretary

Approved 2/21/2017