



## KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

### Minutes

March 21, 2014

Chairperson Ken Lucas called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### Roll Call

- Melissa Hall (KDVA Exec. Secretary) called roll.
- **Members present:** Chairperson Ken Lucas (KDVA), Benjamin Adams (National Guard), Don Dixon (VFW), Joe Doebler (AMVETS), Anthony Dotson (At-Large), Micki King (GAB), and Julie Norman (At-Large) (via phone call), Carlos Pugh (JECVO).
- **Members absent:** Ted Austin (Am Legion), Bobby Hazen (DAV), Vice-Chairperson Margaret Plattner (KDVA).
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

#### Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)
  - Board approved minutes from September 13, 2013 meeting as presented.

#### Approval of Finance Report

- Activity Report – FY 14 (July 13 – June 2014) - **Approved**
- Auditor findings & payment information - **Approved**
  - Board approved the payment of \$8,010 for Invoice 2014-07 from State Auditor's Office

#### Old Business

Ratification of votes that were submitted by email or write-in vote

1. Jeff Acob/Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs - **\$35,000**
  - ❖ Financial support for the Burial Honors Program
    - ✓ Board voted (via email or write-in vote) to approve this request.
2. Dr. Patrick McKiernan/Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs - **\$35,000**
  - ❖ Funding for the Homeless Veterans Program Trust Fund
    - ✓ Board voted (via email or write in-vote) to approve this request.

3. Office of Kentucky Transportation Delivery - **\$62,000**
  - ❖ Funding to continue with the VetConnect Transportation program.
  - ✓ Board voted (via email or write in-vote) to approve this request.

New Business

1. Matt LaPierre/Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs - **\$10,000**
  - ❖ Funding to purchase miscellaneous items to be used by each Field Benefits Representative for outreach efforts.
  - ✓ Board voted to approve this request.
2. Bluegrass Honor Flight - **\$10,000**
  - ❖ Funding support with expenses for flight to take veterans to Washington, DC.
  - ✓ Board voted to approve this request.
3. American Legion 68/Patriotic PAWS for a Kentucky Cause - **\$51,110**
  - ❖ Financial support for service animal training at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex.
  - ✓ Board voted to table this request until next meeting for the presenters to get answers to questions that Board members asked.
4. Military Officers Association of America - **\$5,500**
  - ❖ Funding for Community Blueprint Program.
  - ✓ Board voted to approve this request.
5. USACares - **\$25,000**
  - ❖ Funding support to provide effective solutions of military/veterans that are in need of assistance with basic needs, such as housing, jobs, emergency funds, etc.
  - ✓ Board voted to approve this request.
6. National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. - **\$10,000**
  - ❖ Funding to assist with restoring veterans headstones in a pilot program at Newburg Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky.
  - ✓ Board voted to approve this request.

7. Eastern Kentucky University - **\$56,588**

- ❖ Financial assistance to help veterans enrolled at EKU transition, persist, and graduate.
- ✓ The Board voted to approve granting \$40,000 that will be contingent upon the receipt of a letter from EKU stating that the location of the student center is approved.

8. Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen - **\$13,900**

- ❖ Funding to purchase a WW II Army Jeep for presentation at the Aviation Museum.
- ✓ The Board voted to deny this request.

Discussion

- All

Next Meeting

- Date: June 13, 2014
- Time: 1:00 P.M.
- Place: KY Department of Veterans Affairs  
Conference Room

Adjournment

- There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn.
  - ❖ Motion to adjournment was approved unanimously.



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Kenneth R. Lucas  
Chairperson  
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund