



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

September 18, 2015

Chairperson Heather French Henry called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

- Melissa DeAnne Hall (KDVA Executive Secretary) called roll.
- **Members present:** Chairperson Heather French Henry (KDVA) via telephone, Ted Austin (Am Legion), Joe Doebler (AMVETS), Richard Eisert (JECVO), Carl Kaelin (VFW), and Carlos Pugh (At-Large)
- **Members absent:** Vice-Chairperson Margaret Plattner (KDVA), Benjamin Adams (National Guard), Dave Jarrett (DAV), and Dave Thompson (At-Large). GAB Position was vacant and not represented
- The majority of voting members were able to participate to satisfy a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - ❖ Board approved minutes from May 19, 2015 meeting as presented.

Approval of Finance Report

- Activity Report – FY 15 (July 2014 – June 2015) Period Ending April 2015 - Approved
- Approval to un-obligate the following program(s) and return the monies to the Trust Fund
 - ❖ \$4,000 Madison County Veterans Building Committee - Approved

Old Business

1. Ratify the email vote to approve funds for the Vietnam Traveling Wall in the amount of \$2,500 - Approved
2. American Red Cross
 - ❖ Funding for Reconnection Workshops to serve veterans. The workshops are to assist them in transitioning back to life after the military - **\$25,000** - Denied
3. The Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen
 - ❖ Funding to support the cosmetic re-paint and decaling from the current design to USAAC, Tuskegee Airmen specifics - **\$11,500** - Denied

New Business

1. Marine Corps League Greenbo Detachment #1345
 - ❖ Funding to purchase, install, and maintain a Gold Star Family monument at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East - **\$15,000**
 - ✓ Board voted to approve this request.

2. City of Radcliff
 - ❖ Funding to assist in developing the Saunders Springs Nature Reserve - **\$25,000**
 - ✓ Board voted to deny this request

3. Save-A-Warrior
 - ❖ Funding for up to five groups or “cohorts” at \$25,000 per individual in the state during the following twelve (12 months). This will allow approximately 40 to 60 Warriors and provide them with the tools they need to prevent PTS - **\$100,000**
 - ✓ Due to time constraint, the organization requested their presentation be tabled until the next meeting

4. American Legion 12
 - ❖ Funding to remodel building to permanently house American Legion 12 and provide a location for all veterans to join no matter the dates of service **\$70,000**
 - ✓ Board voted to deny this request.

5. DAV
 - ❖ Funding to purchase two (2) vans to transport veterans to and from medical appointments. Vans will be donated to the VA Medical Centers for upkeep and insurance responsibility- **\$50,000**
 - ✓ Board voted to approve \$25,000 of this request.

6. Life Adventure Center
 - ❖ Funding to launch Veterans Youth Resiliency Camps and increase their impact on veterans in Kentucky - **\$55,960**
 - ✓ Due to time constraint, the organization requested their presentation be tabled until the next meeting

7. Where Opportunity Knox
 - ❖ Funding to secure and additional full-time Regional Veterans Connector who will work directly with transitioning military personnel - **\$50,000**
 - ✓ Board voted to deny this request

8. KY Foothills Therapeutic Horsemanship Center

- ❖ Funding to expand its veteran's activities in order to provide a unique opportunity to develop horsemanship skills and also the possibility of equine ownership - **\$48,090**
- ✓ Due to time constraint, the organization requested their presentation be tabled until the next meeting

9. Flags4Vets

- ❖ Funding to continue the placement of flags for Kentucky's veterans and additional incidentals incurred with the program - **\$32,500**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve \$6,000 for the purchase of replacement flags.

10. VisionWorks

- ❖ Funding to assist with the Louisville Veteran's Day Parade - **\$18,000**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve \$18,000 for this project.

11. Athena's Sisters

- ❖ Funding to continue the women veteran's writing workshop - **\$10,000**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve \$5,000 for this project.

12. Western Kentucky Veterans Center

- ❖ Funding to purchase a yogurt machine for the residents at the facility - Up to **\$4,000**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve up to \$4,000 for this project

13. Spirit of Sophia

- ❖ Funding for ten (10) female veterans to attend a retreat series presented by Spirit of Sophia - **\$1,500**
- ✓ The Board voted to approve \$500 for this program.

14. Active Heroes

- ❖ Funding to expand the Active Heroes Acupuncture treatments for veterans - **\$15,500**
- ✓ As the organization was not available to attend, the Board suggested the request be held till the December meeting.

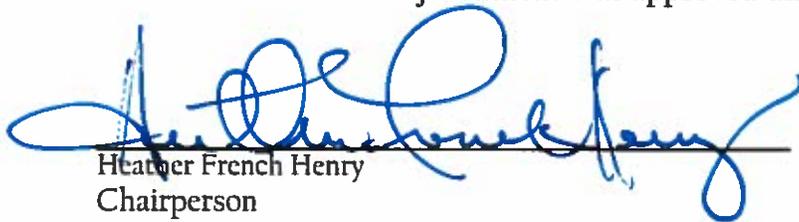
Discussion

Next Meeting

- Date: December 11, 2015
- 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.



Heather French Henry
Chairperson
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund