



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

22 March 2023

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present:
 - o Whitney Allen (KDVA), Chairman
 - o Dwayne Edwards (KDVA), Chief of Staff, KDVA Designee
 - o Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - o Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - o Tim Martinez (At-Large)
 - o Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - o David Rummler (JECVO)
 - o Amy McGrath (At-Large)
 - o Richard Eisert (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)

- Members Absent:
 - o None

- KDVA Staff Present:
 - o Juan Renaud, KDVA Deputy Commissioner
 - o Tamara Reid-McIntosh, KDVA Office of Veteran Legal Services (OVLS)
 - o Stephanie Belt, KDVA Budget Manager
 - o Jimmy Hensley, KDVA Public Information Officer

- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - o Board approved minutes from 14 December 2022 meeting as presented.
 - # Initial Motion: Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion Seconded: David Rummler (JECVO).

Motion for approval unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for FY23 - December 2022, January & February 2023
 - o Board approved the Financial Report as presented:
 - # Initial Motion: Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion Seconded: David Rummler (JECVO)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$782,355.71 - Commissioner did not set a buffer for remaining funds today.

DISCUSSION

Review of Louisville Orchestra Email Roll Call vote Dwayne A. Edwards & Tamara Reid-McIntosh: During the December 14, 2022, VPTF Board Meeting, the Board approved a grant of \$10,000 for the Louisville Orchestra to distribute 200 tickets to veterans and their families for the Orchestra's upcoming Texas Tenors performances, which is a part of the LO Pops schedule for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 seasons.

The Board established the following stipulations:

- Up to 50 can go towards Gold Star Families (limit 4 per family)
- The other 150 goes to veterans and their families (limit 2 per veteran); and
- The Orchestra would be responsible for verifying individuals as veterans (e.g., drivers' license and/or DD214) and providing the Board with the names of veterans who received tickets.

The Louisville Orchestra requested assistance from the Trust Fund with meeting the stipulations on approximately 21 January 2023.

KDVA's OVLS issued an Email Roll Call Vote on 23 January 2023. In relevant part, the vote request was as follows:

This email roll call vote is to determine whether the Board is amenable to adopting the option discussed during the last meeting, which is KDVA collecting the tickets from the Orchestra, and turning them over to JECVO to distribute 10 tickets to the major VSOs with the condition that the VSOs distribute up to 2 tickets per veteran and provide the Board with the names and branch of service of the veterans who receive the tickets.

Quorum was reached, and the vote failed at 1 5-2 on 25 January 2023.

The Louisville Orchestra cancelled their request for support for the April 7th Pops concert on March 14, 2023. They released the tickets earmarked for veterans to the general public.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$269,292.00 for the following grants:

1. Active Heroes (KY0062847)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$41,600** to support Equine Assisted Therapy Services
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,400**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

2. Churchill Downs VFW Post 2921 (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$2,000** to obtain display cases and mannequins for displaying military uniforms in their military history museum.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$2,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

3. KDVA Indigent Burial Trust Fund (Internal Transfer)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to provide reimbursement to a funeral home for costs incurred for indigent veterans.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$25,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
- The Motion was amended to approve an obligation of **\$50,000**.
 - # Amended Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - # Amended Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
 - # After discussion Amended Motion withdrawn
 - # Motion for approval of first obligation of **\$25,000** unanimously carried.

4. Tri-Ân Foundation, Inc (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$100,000** to build a monument to honor the soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$100,000 with the stipulation that the Board receive photographs of the handicap accessible rework of the plans and an accounting of how the Board's previous grant of funds in 2017 was spent (Request made by Richard Eisert (GAB)). Mr. Eisert was on the Board in 2017 when the previous request was made, so he wanted to ensure that the Foundation's previous commitments were completed before a further grant of funds was made.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

5. Veterans Memorial Park of KY (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$30,192** to fund a monument that depicts the Spanish American and Philippine Wars.
 - # The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$30,192**
 - # Initial Motion made by Tim Martinez (AL).
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

6. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1066 (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$5,000** to place a KY Veterans Hall of Fame monument in Richmond and Berea.
- The Board voted to deny the request because of precedent set to avoid locating Veterans Memorials in too close a proximity to other Veteran Memorials.
- The Board voted to deny the request.
 - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

7. DAV Chapter 15 (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$35,000** to enhance the Magoffin County Veterans Memorial by installing brick columns, flag poles lighting, and a location for POW/MIA flag.
- The Board voted to approve the request.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

8. KY Veterans Hall of Fame (KY0065506- Foundation #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$30,000** to assist in funding a project that will honor Kentucky veterans selected to the Hall of Fame.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$25,000**.
 - # Initial Motion to table for more information made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- The motion was amended to award **\$ 25,000**.
 - # Amended Motion made by Richard Eisert (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Dwayne Edwards (KDVA), Chief of Staff, KDVA Designee
 - # A roll call vote was requested:
 - Commissioner Allen - Recused himself.
 - Dave Jarrett (DAV) - Recused himself.
 - Carla Raisler (KYNG) - NO
 - David Rummler (JECVO) - YES
 - Dwayne Edwards (KDVA), Chief of Staff, KDVA Designee - YES
 - Carl Kaelin (VFW) - NO
 - Amy McGrath (At-Large) - YES
 - Richard Eisert (Governor's Advisory Board) - YES

- Tim Martinez (AL) - YES
 - 5 YES/2 NO
- # Amended Motion for approval unanimously carried.

9. VFW Post 10281 (NO KY VENDOR #)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$500** to help veterans who are in a financial bind annually.
- Carl Kaelin (VFW) called the requestor and let him know that this request is not adequate (due to their current financial situation and other rules of the VFW) for the Trust Fund and not to report for the meeting today. The requestor did not show up for the meeting.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 7 of 9.
- Total amount approved: **\$227,592.00.**

DISCUSSION

Discussion amongst the Board focused on reaching out to partners ways to attract veterans to Kentucky that will remain in Kentucky; discussion of KDVA State Programs group growing in the next few months.

NEXT MEETING

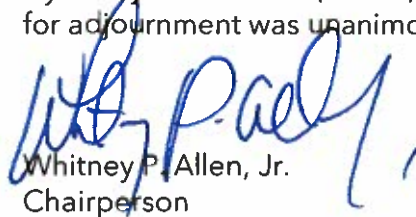
DATE: June 14, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m. EST

PLACE: KDVA, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via Zoom teleconference depending on circumstances related to COVID-19 restrictions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Richard Eisert (GAB) and seconded by Dwayne Edwards (KDVA), Chief of Staff, KDVA Designee to adjourn at 12:32 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson