



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

13 December 2023

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present:
 - Whitney Allen (KDVA), Chairman
 - Juan Renaud (KDVA), Deputy Commissioner, KDVA Designee
 - Tim Martinez (At-Large)
 - Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - David Rummler (JECVO)
 - David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)
- Members Absent:
 - Amy McGrath (At-Large)
 - Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - Tamara Reid-Macintosh (KDVA, Staff Attorney)
- KDVA Staff Present:
 - Dwayne Edwards, KDVA Chief of Staff
 - Stephanie Belt, KDVA Budget Manager
 - Kelsey Sanders, KDVA HR Specialist III
 - Jimmy Hensley, KDVA Public Information Officer
 - Laura Brown, KDVA Budget Specialist
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - Board approved minutes from 13 September 2023 meeting as presented.
 - # Initial Motion: David Best (GAB).

- # Motion Seconded: Carla Raisler (KYNG).
- # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for FY24 - September, October & November 2023
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$676,880.77 - Commissioner did not set a buffer for remaining funds today.

DISCUSSION

KDVA received an invoice to pay \$10,164.00 for the VPTF Audit encompassing the Fiscal Year Ending on June 30, 2023. It was put to an email roll call vote for approval from October 11th - 16th. The roll call vote passed 7-0-3.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$197,651.66 for the following grants:

- 1. Bettina Rice (NO KY VENDOR#)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$22,351.00** to build a monument honoring the men that served aboard the USS Hornet CV-12.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$22,351.00**
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 2. Veteran's Walking Wounded Project, Inc. (VWWP) (KY0072251)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$17,715.00** to assist Veterans in Fayette County Veterans Drug Treatment Court (VTC).
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$17,715.**
 - # Initial Motion made by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 3. Veterans Rural Outreach KY, Inc. (KY0072251)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$29,655.00** to provide a truck for business services with stipulations of vehicle with under 50,000 miles and three quotes sent to KDVA.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of up to **\$45,000.**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 4. Dogs Helping Heroes (NO KY VENDOR #)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$47,547.00** to raise funds for the care and training of 9 service animals that will be provided to veterans.

- The Board decided to table for 7 days awaiting additional information. Roll call will be taken and reported as old business at the next meeting.
- 5. Roll Call Foundation (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to grow their equine assisted therapy program.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000.00**
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 6. Morehead State University (KY0032840)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$6,000.00** to continue offering veteran affiliated students funds for books and supplies while in school.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$6,000.00**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG)
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 7. Kentucky Veteran Business Alliance (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$50,000** to create an environment where veteran business is united in creating new business and increasing the job force.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$17,340.00 as seed money for 5 veterans.**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carla Raisler (KYNG).
 - # Motion seconded by Tim Martinez (AL).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 8. Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky, Inc. (NO KY VENDOR #)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$66,000** to install a Civil War monument and a War of 1812/American Indian Wars monument.
 - The Board decided to table for 7 days awaiting additional information. Roll call will be taken and reported as old business at the next meeting.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 6 of 8. 2 are pending roll call votes.
- Total amount approved: **\$118,406.00**

DISCUSSION

No discussion.

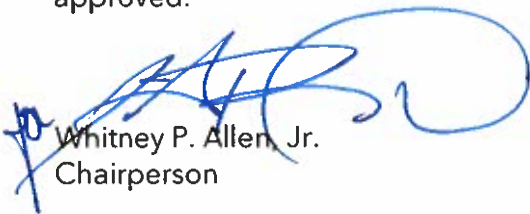
NEXT MEETING

DATE:
March
20, 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 David Best (GAB) and seconded by David Rummler (JECVO) to adjourn at 12:39 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson