

Thurston County Veterans Advisory Board
28 August 2023
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Powell, Rhonda Sutton, Heather Miles, Scott Frazier, Brandon Frawley, Ken Borque, and Anthony Moye.

Others Present: Mark Moffett, Kris Mather, and Jen Freiheit.

Meeting Opening:

The meeting was held at 5:00 p.m.

Heather motions to approve June and July's minutes and Brandon's second. June and July's minutes were approved.

Bill welcomes all to the forum.

Veteran Stand-down Update

- Bill reported that he and Laniece have been actively planning the standdown date but are awaiting callbacks for the location.
- The board deliberated on a potential weekend date.
- Bill reports the specific date will be communicated once all calls are returned, and the walk-through has been completed.
- Bill indicates that the first week in November is a potential timeframe.
- There are no additional questions or concerns regarding the stand-down. Kris Mather has expressed interest in participating in the walk-through.

Program Update

- Mark reports that the Bento program, which was previously approved, has since secured a more significant contract.
- Mark informed the Board that we will no longer be partnering with Bento. However, he mentioned they may consider meeting with us again, possibly in January.
- Mark has mentioned that our work with Habitat for the rehabilitation of veterans is ongoing and continues.

Vice Chair Vote

- Bill clarifies that the board has two positions: vice chair and secretary. He further mentions that the secretary position is available due to Brandon's departure.
- Bill announces that Brandon's term will conclude in September and indicates they are actively seeking board members to step up and fill the vacancy.
- Mark expresses deep appreciation for everyone's hard work and effort and proposes allocating responsibilities.
- Brandon explains that the current workload from his job and master's program has overwhelmed the secretary position. He expresses his interest in continuing his commitment for an extended period, but on the condition that he is not tasked with the responsibilities of the secretary role.

- Rhonda expresses her willingness to consider the vice chair position carefully once she has gathered more information about its responsibilities and requirements.

Around The Room and Adjourned

- There will be no further business. Bill Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Brandon Frawley recorded the minutes.