

BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of May 6, 2021 ~ 1:00pm
ZOOM/ Teleconference

Board Members

Curtis Schmitt, Jr., Chairman
William Schrum
Christopher Hanson, Vice Chair
Tonnetta Carter
Vern Larson
Mark Mathwig
Jason Maloney
Chris Cornelius
Mark Grams

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Jeff Krakow
Nathan Bond
Ike Luak
Angela Morris
Mary Rogers
Daniel Riemer
Damon Dorsey
Danny Levando
Robert Hanen

WDVA Present

Mary Kolar, Secretary
James Bond, Deputy Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Carla Vigue, Communications Director
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant
Shannon Miller, Communications
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator
Donald Placidi, Veterans Benefits

1. Call to order and roll call
The meeting was called to order by Chair Vern Larson. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Certification of notice of meeting
Proper notification of the meeting occurred.
4. Review and action on BOVA meeting minutes
Chris Hanson moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting, 2nd by Mark Grams, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
5. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided the Board with agency updates.

6. Presentations: Presentations:
 - Ike Luak, VISN12
7. Legislative Update:

Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided a Legislative update to the committee.
8. Action:
 - Chair Schmitt reviewed the correspondence previously sent to Board Members.
9. Action: Committee(s):

AD-HOC Committees

 - Chris Hanson made a motion to remove holds on committee work when COVID started. Vern Larson 2nd the motion; motion passed on a unanimous vote.

BOVA Members expressed interest in serving on the following committees:

 - Legislative:
 - Members: Chris Hanson, Mark Grams, Curtis Schmitt, Tonnetta Carter
 - Topics of interest: Collaborate, form opinion, draft letter to WDVA.
 - Strategic Planning:
 - Members: Bill Schrum, Vern Larson, Mark Mathwig, Chris Cornelius, Curtis Schmitt, Jason Maloney
 - Topics of interest: Land at King, work with department on goals and expand goals. Opportunities to create revenue streams to benefit Veterans and the Department, partnership with DVA staff.
 - By-Laws:
 - Chris Hanson made a motion to establish a By-Laws committee, Vern Larson 2nd the motion; motion passed on a unanimous vote:
 - Members: Chris Hanson, Curtis Schmitt.
10. Board Member Reports by District
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business: None
13. Election of Officers:

Secretary – Vern Larson nominated Bill Schrum to serve as Secretary; Bill Schrum left the meeting early and not able to accept the nomination. Jason Maloney 2nd the nomination; motion passed on a unanimous vote.
14. Public Comment: None
15. Future meetings:

The Council recommended:

 - November 18, 2021 – Proposed
 - February 10, 2022 – Proposed
16. Public comment: None
17. Future agenda items:

Establish WDVA emails for those interested and business cards for Board Members.

18. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:37pm.

Vern Larson, Chair