

**Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Councilors**  
**August 13, 2015**

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680  
Vancouver, Washington

**Chair: Bruce Maas**

**Vice Chair: Thomas Kula**

**Secretary: Mike Gibson**

**Meeting called to order by Bruce Maas**

**Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]**

**POST**

40 et 8  
American Legion #14  
American Legion #27  
American Legion #168  
American Legion #176  
American Veterans #6  
DAV Chapter #4  
Korean War Assoc. #321  
Marine Corps League #826  
VFW #4278  
VFW #7824  
VFW # 12028  
Vietnam Vets #512  
Members at Large

**PRIMARY**

Sam Grooms  
**Dixie Hotaling**  
Elisa Cotton  
**Robert Nichols**  
**Michael Gibson**  
**John Lovejoy**  
**Thomas Kula**  
George Raynor  
**Lou Basté**  
**John Raynor**  
**Bruce Maas**  
**Skip Bengé**  
**Greg Whitson**  
**Kevin Lawson**  
**Candis Oliver**

**ALTERNATE**

**Steve Slegers**  
Dean Collins  
Shawn O'Neil  
Richard Langenbach  
Jonathan Frederick  
Bubba Conway  
Frank Hyatt  
Randy Warneke  
  
Gary Dowler  
Dale Rex  
Dave Barton  
Joseph Fettig

**Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley**

**Guests:** Judy Russel, (Veterans Assistance Center); Joe Levesque (citizen); Michael Langsdorf (citizen)  
Greg Kimsey (Clark County Auditor); Councilor David Madore (Clark County)

**July 9, 2015, Meeting Minutes**

**Bob Nichols moved to approve the July minutes. Dixie Hotaling seconded. Motion carried.**

**County Auditor Presentation**

Greg Kimsey provided information that DD214s may be recorded for no charge and copies may be obtained for no charge. These documents are not subject to public records.

**Councilor Madore Comments**

Councilor Madore expressed appreciation for the work done at the Stand Down, August 12, 2015. Appreciation was expressed by the board to Senator Murray, State Senator Cleveland and Wilson, and Councilor Madore, for attending the Stand Down.

**Committee Reports**

**Appeals**

Five July appeals were approved and one was denied as over-income.

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**Policies and Procedures**

The Policy and Procedures committee met July 11. Recommendations include:

1. Policy 2.6, include "Documentation addressing savings accounts will be required when auto repair, housing, utility expenses exceeding \$500 are involved."
2. Policy 3.5.1 requires a utility disconnect notice, however shut-off notices are not provided for delinquent sewer payments. No changes recommended at this time, since sewer delinquencies can be handled through water shut-off notices.
3. Policy 3.7, add "Gas vouchers may also be available within the C-Tran area if circumstances require it."

**Bob Nichols moved to accept the recommendations. Steve Slegers seconded. The motion carried.**

**Nominations**

Clarification was sought whether officers now serve a two-year term. The by-laws will be reviewed.

**June Contractor Reports & County Fund Report**

The Veterans Assistance Center provided emergency services for 61 veterans at a cost of \$25,947. The VAC was monitored in January, March, and June, with no problems found.

The Free Dental Clinic treated seven veterans, for which the fund was billed \$1,015.

The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was \$424,342 at the end of June.

**Veterans Assistance Center Update**

More than 70 vendors served more than 200 veterans at the Stand Down, August 12, 2015. More than half of the veterans served were homeless.

The Center's remodel is complete. A grand re-opening is planned for September. The Center has been processing more VA claims each week now that more space is available.

**Old Business**

No discussion at this time.

**New Business**

No discussion at this time.

**Open Forum**

- Fisher House due to open this fall.
- The Women's Veterans Connect will meet Saturday, September 26, 11:00 a.m., at 40 et 8.
- Joe Levesque followed up with the board on his request for a letter to WSU regarding the All American Financial Aid Relief Program.

**Adjournment**

**Bob Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Kula seconded. Meeting adjourned.**

***Meeting adjourned early for board participation in strategic planning for 2016.***

**Next Meeting**

September 10, 2015, at 1400 hours, in the Councilors' Hearing Room.