

LINN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS

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**Linn County Commission of Veteran Affairs
February 17, 2020
Minutes**

- I. Meeting called to order at 17:26 by Jeffrey Tronvold. Present: Jeffrey Tronvold, Ray Ropa, Don Tyne, & Rebecca Egli Not Present: Kelly Driscoll and Gary Schumacher,
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Motion to approve Agenda by Ray, second by Rebecca. All Ayes
- IV. Motion to approve Minutes by Ray, second by Rebecca. All Ayes.
- V. Bills Approved by Signature
- VI. Clients- None
- VII. New Business
 - a. Director's Report
 - i. None
 - ii. Certification for Suellyn Parson to become a CVSO will occur within the month, she will be going to California to get certified. Suellyn will be going to the Community Overflow Winter Overflow Shelter (COWS) to make her presence known.
 - b. Linn County Veterans Affairs Budget
 - i. Don Tyne will bring the finalized the LCVA General Policy and Guidelines to the BOS Meeting in March 2020 for the BOS to sign off on rent increase, utility increase, and burial assistance.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Table
 - b. Construction has not progressed much since the last Commission Meeting. Counter to the receptionist desk broke and is in the process of being fixed. Additionally, the front entrance to LCVA is still under construction as the wrong dimensions were ordered for the frame.
 - c. Table
- IX. Public Comment (5-Minute Limit per Person)
 - a. Federal employees who work for the Compensation and Pension Dept. for the Department of Veteran Affairs came to the commission meeting wondering about positions available and how this employee could bring their expertise to the county. Suggestions were made to reach out to local, veteran friendly, non-for-profit organizations.
 - b. Veteran came in to make a suggestion to connect Alliant Energy to support Veterans with their utility assistance. Veteran will reach out to Don Tyne by March's Commission meeting with an update on how Alliant could partner and provide assistance to veterans who have utility arrears.
 - c. Veteran brought information to Commission meeting to provide LCVA with additional information on resources in the area:
 - Life Connections- "Peer Recovery Services is a non-for-profit organization that supports individuals who are experiencing Mental Health and Substance addiction issues and who want to work on their recovery goals and situations before getting into a crisis situation." Phone: 563-659-9027
 - Rhonda's House- "Rhonda's House Provides as a safe and welcoming environment that offers an opportunity for individuals experiencing emotional distress or crisis to grow and change through the support of others and with lived experience." Phone: 563-659-1171 or 563-659-5258
 - Art Craft Vendor Show- June 20, 2020 from 9am-3pm at the Veterans Memorial Building, sponsored by Healing English River Outfitters
- X. Set Next Meeting, April 13, 2020 at 17:15
- XI. Motion to adjourn by Rebecca, second by Ray. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 18:25.

Respectfully Submitted By,
Rebecca Egli

LCVA Commission Secretary