

Veteran Services Advisory Board

Date: June 10, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

1. Welcome and Call Meeting to Order

Chairman called to order at 4:07 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Quorum Call of Members in Attendance

Members:

John Murdoch, Chair

George Cooper

Sandra Torres Pintos

Eric Sickler

Alachua County Staff:

Candie Nixon

Kenneth Boggs

Leslie McCurdy

Julian Ancion

4. Call for Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting(s)

February 2024 Minutes: Tabled till next meeting.

May 2024 Minutes: Torres Pintos made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Cooper second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

5. Old Business

Memorial Day:

369 people attended the event at Evergreen Cemetery and May 27, 2024. The Gold Star Families were honored. The event was a success and positive feedback from the community and partners was received.

6. New Business

The Resolution 2022-38 (establishes the Veteran Services Advisory Board (VSAB)) needs to be updated to reflect the agencies that are no longer around. Remove two agencies, Purple Heart Society and Military Officers of America. VSAB recommends converting the two positions to Citizen At Large positions. An organization can have more than one person, and the second person can fill a Citizen At Large position. Torres Pintos made a motion to approve the Resolution update as discussed; Sickler second; unanimous approval; motion carried.

The new Veteran Services Director position has been offered pending background check.

The VSAB would like Veteran Services to do more outreach and establish relationships in the community. Mr. Boggs has been doing outreach and will continue. Staff will contact the University of Florida, Veteran Coordinator and Patricia Carswell who is affiliated with Veterans Administration to learn more about services pertaining to veterans who are attending school.

Veterans Day - County staff is planning and arranging Veterans Day at Veterans Park on November 11, 2024. Mr. Boggs is working with the Veteran Memorial Committee (VMC) and discussing plans with the VMC.

7. Citizen Comments

None.

8. Adjournment and Thank You for Coming

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.