

Media Relations Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Ann Gill, Jeremy Ly, John Roth, Dick Steele, Chris Balkema

Also Present: Ron Severson, Dan Duffy, Sandy Pommier, Kathy Doran, Elton Monson

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 29, 2010 meeting was made by Steel, seconded by Ly. Motion carried.

The VACGC claims were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by Steele, seconded by Ly to take the claims under advisement. Motion carried.

Ly asked for an explanation of the operations of the VACGC in order to help the new committee members better understand. Monson and Doran stated that they assist the veterans with transportation, claims, financial assistance, employment and resumes.

Doran told the committee that during the last fiscal year, 824 trips were made transporting veterans to the Hines Hospital and a new grant has been applied for to obtain a mini van to be used for shorter trips.

Balkema asked Monson if there was anything that the commission was in need of. Monson replied, "just to get along and be honest".

Monson and Doran left the meeting.

The committee discussed future candidates for Public Recognition including John Davis from the U of I Extension, teachers and veterans, Bob Stangland, Earl Allen and Dan Spencers.

The VACGC was brought up again and a discussion was held in regards to the past relationship between the county and Monson including the budget history.

Gill asked for the committee's input on the making of a promotional video for the county and suggested scheduling a special meeting to further discuss the matter and view web sites that currently have the videos. The committee then plans to include the GEDC and the Chamber of Commerce to develop the video. The special meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2011 at 3:30 PM.

Board Chairman Severson told the committee that he is researching the possibility of a county multi-use complex.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ly, seconded by Roth. Motion carried.