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Date: October 14, 2025

Present Members: Melissa Ramirez, Kae Nelson, Jim Haddix, Stephanie Disney, Ken Childers, Fred Wiedeberg, Whitney Whatley

Absent Members: All Present

Meeting Called to Order: 10:04am by Board President, Stephanie Disney

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Open Meeting Act was announced by Board President, Stephanie Disney

Role Call:

- All board members and VSO staff were present

April Minutes

- Minutes were mailed out prior to the meeting.
- Minutes were motioned and approved. Kae & Ken

Veterans Service Officers Report: *All reports were given by VSO Wiedeberg*

- Quarterly report was given
 - We had a busier quarter than the last along with more DAV van rides
 - The new budget was approved by the county commissioners in July. Still remaining very lean and fragile in spending and office expenses

Old Business

- Jamie Jacobs is working on the paperwork for the “intent to purchase” a new DAV van and will send to Stephanie
- Education continues to be something that we are wanting to have more availability for our veterans and ease of access. We will be working on creating a VSO webpage to the county website.
 - This will assist with promoting veteran businesses, what area veterans have going on, etc. More than just Facebook and one landing place for all information.
- Career pathways is a go. Fred is working with Kelley Dillahey at Sidney High School and will be coordinating speaking engagements to the Juniors for each semester.

New Business

- Marketing Hometown America project is kicking off this week. Whitney and Fred will be leading a conversation group over the next month and will present to the entire community at the end. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community as a whole and improvements.
- Jim Haddix:

- Jim asked the question of how the missile impact will be to Sidney. Melissa spoke a little to it as their property has a silo sitting on it. There is no estimated ETA on when the project will start.
 - As a group it was discussed that we need to get veterans to attend the meetings and speak with community leaders on realistic expectations on military missions and how these type of projects typically work. There is a common concern that building and prep will occur for a short term project that will then be desolate once completion.
- Tech for vets is not happening
- Larry Nelson has donated and moved all veteran's items to the museum in Cozad.
- Veterans Day:
 - Been feed on the Saturday prior in Lodgepole and Sidney's at the Elks on Veterans Day
 - For future thinking – how to support veteran owned businesses

Good of the Cause

- None at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 10:42 – Jim & Ken

Next Meeting: January 13, 10:00