



**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 – 5:15 PM  
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM  
FIRST FLOOR, TOWN HALL**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order – Chair Kiser**
- B. Roll Call – Chair Kiser**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Vickie Bennett**
- D. Approval of draft agenda – Chair Kiser**
- E. Approval of minutes – Chair Kiser**
  - April 18, 2024
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided, and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.**
  - Town of Abingdon residents
  - Other public comments (e.g. organizations)
- G. NEW BUSINESS**
- H. OLD BUSINESS**
  - 1. Updates from standing committees
- I. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR**
- J. MEMBER REPORTS**
- K. NEXT MEETING – Chair Kiser**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**

**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 – 5:15 pm**  
**ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 5:15 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

- A. Call to Order – *Chair Kiser***
- B. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Lynn Bennett  
Kyle Craig  
Richard “Dickie” Kiser  
Mel Schwartzstein  
Tim Estes  
Francine Ivery  
Vickie Bennett  
Gary Bailey  
AJ Lawson  
John Lentz  
Mike Cochran

Members absent:

Amanda Pillion

Guests:

Julianne Miles  
Rick Laney

- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Approval of draft agenda**

**Upon motion by Tim Estes, seconded by Mel Schwartzstein, approved the agenda as presented.**

<b>Amanda Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gary Bailey</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Lynn Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Kyle Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tim Estes</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Richard “Dickie” Kiser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Albert T. Lawson, Jr.</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mel Schwartzstein</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>John Lentz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vickie Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Francine Ivery</b>	<b>Aye</b>



2. Follow up discussion regarding Plumb Alley Day

Lynn Bennett and Julieanne Miles shared a video with the Board. This will be streamed at the Plumb Alley Day to provide some background information to those interested in sharing their stories. Since the Historic Society of Washington County will be archiving the videos, they have asked to be included in the video release and perhaps a QR code in the future. Discussion ensued about videoing the Board members. Lynn Bennett shared a sticker that was distributed at the recent Veterans event at the Bristol Motor Speedway “I am a Veteran.” She discussed the benefit of the stickers and made it easy to approach to discuss the Board’s video project.

**On motion of Lynn Bennett, seconded by Vickie Bennett, approved to purchase 2,000 “I am a Veteran” stickers.**

<b>Amanda Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gary Bailey</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Lynn Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Kyle Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tim Estes</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Richard “Dickie” Kiser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Albert T. Lawson, Jr.</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mel Schwartzstein</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>John Lentz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vickie Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Francine Ivery</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mike Cochran</b>	<b>Absent</b>

**On motion of Tim Estes, seconded by Mel Schwartzstein, approved to spend up to \$400 for 2,000 “I am a Veteran” stickers.**

<b>Amanda Pillion</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Gary Bailey</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Lynn Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Kyle Craig</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Tim Estes</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Richard “Dickie” Kiser</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Albert T. Lawson, Jr.</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mel Schwartzstein</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>John Lentz</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Vickie Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Francine Ivery</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mike Cochran</b>	<b>Absent</b>

3. Follow up discussion regarding Reserve and Guard supported business

Extensive discussion ensued regarding measure metrics. It was agreed that Kyle Craig will email a draft to Kim Kingsley for distribution to the members for input.

- I. Miscellaneous Business and Communications from Chair**
- J. Members Reports**
- K. Schedule next meeting – Thursday, May 16, 2024**

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**Richard Kiser, Chair**

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**Kim Kingsley, Clerk**

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_