



**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024 – 5:30 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 – Lynn Bennett**
- D. Approval of draft agenda – Chair Kiser**
- E. Approval of minutes – Chair Kiser**
 - October 17, 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**
- I. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR**
- J. MEMBER REPORTS**
- K. NEXT MEETING – Chair Kiser**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 – 5:30 pm
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board was held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

A. Call to Order – *Chair Kiser*

B. Roll Call

Members present:

Amanda Pillion
Kristen Henley
Lynn Bennett
Kyle Craig
Francine Ivery
Dickie Kiser
Tim Estes
Josh Ringstaff
Vickie Bennett
John Lentz
Mike Cochran

Members absent:

Albert Lawson
Clint Harris

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of draft agenda

Upon motion by John Lentz, seconded by Tim Estes, approved the agenda as presented.

Amanda Pillion	Aye
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Absent
Kristen Henley	Aye
John Lentz	Aye
Vickie Bennett	Aye
Francine Ivery	Aye
Mike Cochran	Aye
Clint Harris	Absent
Josh Ringstaff	Aye

E. Approval of minutes

Upon motion by Kristen Henley, seconded by John Lentz, approved the September 19, 2024 minutes as presented.

Amanda Pillion	Aye
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Absent
Kristen Henley	Aye
John Lentz	Aye
Vickie Bennett	Aye
Francine Ivery	Aye
Mike Cochran	Aye
Clint Harris	Absent
Josh Ringstaff	Aye

F. Public Comments –

Mark Greneaux introduced himself to the Board members.

G. New Business –

Lynn Bennett discussed the Festival of Trees, scheduling November 16th to remove the flags and decorate the tree at 10:30 am. The flags will be installed on November 7, 2024, at 8:00 am. Mr. Craig stated that he was working on dog-tags for the tree. Lynn Bennett advised she will be presenting certificates to the Veterans at the Commonwealth Senior Living Center on November 11th at 2:00 pm, including Frank Santy who will be celebrating his 100th birthday. The Veterans Day event was discussed with Mr. Estes advising the theme was “Gold Star Families” with David Matlock as the Master of Ceremony. Lynn Bennett questioned if the Board could step in and help.

Lynn Bennett asked for a motion to set up the photo booth and collect names for the Veteran Voices of Southwest Virginia. A motion was not initiated.

Mr. Craig suggested distributing poppies and flyers. He also proposed a bench project at the Veterans Park. He said the DAV and VFW would all work towards raising funds. Mr. Cochran stated that the Town has some benches that were removed, if the Board wanted without spending money. Mr. Cochran also discussed the Enhance Abingdon foundation could take donations. Discussion ensued. Chair Kiser requested that the matter be tabled until the first of the year.

Mr. Craig conveyed that 1032nd Ghostrider would be raising money for the annual Christmas party.

H. Old Business –

- Update from standing committees

Mr. Craig announced the Moose Lodge was hosting the Veterans on November 9th at 5:00 p.m. Discussion ensued regarding the Christmas parade float, including whether the float should be judged or not.

On motion by Mr. Estes, seconded by Mr. Lentz, that the Board should only participate, without a float.

Amanda Pillion	Aye
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Absent
Kristen Henley	Aye
John Lentz	Aye
Vickie Bennett	Aye
Francine Ivery	Aye
Mike Cochran	Aye
Clint Harris	Absent
Josh Ringstaff	Aye

Mr. Estes asked the Board to consider attendance and whether they should act. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Chair Kiser, seconded by Lynn Bennett, to abide by the rules.

Amanda Pillion	Aye
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Absent
Kristen Henley	Aye
John Lentz	Aye
Vickie Bennett	Aye
Francine Ivery	Aye
Mike Cochran	Aye

Clint Harris
Josh Ringstaff

Absent
Aye

Mr. Cochran advised the Secretary will call to question if the member would like to continue serving.

- I. Miscellaneous Business and Communications from Chair**
- J. Members Reports**
- K. Schedule next meeting – November 21, 2024**

Richard Kiser, Chair

Kim Kingsley, Clerk

Approved: _____