

VAC Meeting 11/20/25

Kevin Gatewood 0:21

It is 1804 hours. Call the meeting to order. We have in attendance Michael Hayden, Gary Reynolds, Joe Morris, Kevin Gatewood, David Nesbitt, Robert. Robert White, Zach Brooks and Ryan Shurtz. We are missing Eric Kennedy, Ron Minks, Tom Gartside, both of the Amvets and Ben Newborn. I guess we'll start with the business we need to try to get done tonight. One is the bylaws we already last time we met we approved our budget proposed budget and then the bylaws are not changed too much from what I've had on the website for a month. I went through it today though and again did a few little things. I didn't have enough paper to print out enough for everybody.

Gary Reynolds 1:35

Just tell us what the changes are, Kevin.

Kevin Gatewood 1:37

Well, that's what I was going to do. On the very first line purpose it had uniformed services of the United States. I added military in front of Uniformed services, which could be fire department.

Gary Reynolds 1:56

Sure, technically.

Ryan Shurtz 1:58

So for mine section one I had at the very end it also needs to add or add meeting the aforementioned criteria and any other set by the board or super intended because that separates the. Or the before mentioned stuff was separated by another set of clause so having that at the end will say also.

Kevin Gatewood 2:22

The last sentence section one.

Ryan Shurtz 2:26

Okay yeah.

Kevin Gatewood 2:30

On the second page I didn't change anything on jurisdiction or office under membership. I crossed off the Blueford Legion because I don't. We haven't heard from them and they may not even have meetings anymore.

Gary Reynolds 2:51

Quick point of order on what is there? I don't recall seeing it. So if they do become relevant again is there a mechanism for them to become seated members at the time table here? Yes.

Kevin Gatewood 3:04

All I got to do is fill in one of those intent forms and then you know they post election.

Gary Reynolds 3:11

That's fine. Yes, perfect.

Ryan Shurtz 3:17

First page article two for section four needs to either remove the.

Kevin Gatewood 3:26

Remove.

Ryan Shurtz 3:26

The state government claims or it needs to add that they are granted access because what's going to end up happening is they're going to come to us just like we come to be for state benefits and we can't do them like the fishing license. Yeah we don't have access to it but that's technically a state benefit. But if they want to say something here,

Gary Reynolds 3:55

Thank you.

Kevin Gatewood 3:57

So anybody just take out the State government part.

Ryan Shurtz 4:00

Well, I don't think you need assistance exactly. So that they're granted access to is what I put.

But anyway you want to put it. But we can fill out.

Kevin Gatewood 4:09

We got forms or something that we can have.

Ryan Shurtz 4:11

We can fill it out.

Kevin Gatewood 4:12

But they can come up and get a form.

Ryan Shurtz 4:14

They have to either hand it to IDBA or the idnr. Most of them.

Gary Reynolds 4:19

So please.

Kevin Gatewood 4:20

And assist with state government.

Gary Reynolds 4:31

What other changes did you make, Kevin?

Kevin Gatewood 4:35

I had the VFW 1376 on here. I changed that to the.

Gary Reynolds 4:41

Yeah, because it's official now. Yep, it's official. 1376.

Kevin Gatewood 4:45

Yep.

Gary Reynolds 4:46

We just got notification this past week. Okay, so we are combined.

Kevin Gatewood 4:50

Shouldn't. Should we change it on here, you think?

Ryan Shurtz 4:54

I wouldn't yet. Just because in the.

Kevin Gatewood 4:59

Everything we've done so far.

Gary Reynolds 5:01

That's fine. We can do an addendum later. And if we need to as the new combined post reassert. Because the other thing is like a document from pfw. Exactly. Well, and the other thing is too, if we decide that Zach would be the superintendent, if that's the decision we make, then we've got to get another delegate anyway. So. Exactly. He'll be. So we'll have to give another delegate.

Ryan Shurtz 5:33

But for Article 4 under Office. I don't know how nitpicky they are, but on all of our stuff in the past we've always added that the organization the way I've got it termed here, the superintendent and the commission reserve the right to add equipment, furnishings and supplies to the official office of the superintendent purchased through either personal or commission funds at the discretion of commission. So that way it's not just an all error. The county can't come to us and say we didn't pay for this, so why is it in here?

Robert White 6:07

Make it up and can't claim.

Ryan Shurtz 6:09

So that way we can at least furnish it and the superintendent, whoever it is, can furnish it how they want.

Kevin Gatewood 6:13

Was it add. Yeah, like another section?

Ryan Shurtz 6:16

Yeah, or section five.

Robert White 6:19

Section four, whatever.

Gary Reynolds 6:21

Can you send that to him electronically so he can incorporate it? All right.

Kevin Gatewood 6:24

Article four, Section four is what we're on.

Ryan Shurtz 6:27

Article four? Yeah, Section four.

Gary Reynolds 6:33

Man, you guys are pretty devious. I really respect that.

Robert White 6:40

Would be saying oh, by the way, also has to be an official correspondence for Matt Curry or new.

Ryan Shurtz 6:46

Everyone hates out.

Robert White 6:51

Okay.

Ryan Shurtz 6:53

Have we addressed Article 5 yet?

Gary Reynolds 6:54

What's that.

Kevin Gatewood 6:58

5 membership. I just crossed up the Bluford Legion. Change the post for the update. Yeah.

Ryan Shurtz 7:08

So for me, my ads, I put it. We've got it further down for the officers. But for the delegates, I put. They're not able to miss or add a section 9 that states something about attendance minimums for the primary and how they are not permitted to miss more than 3 out of the 12 yearly mandatory meetings or the commission majority been called for their removal.

Gary Reynolds 7:30

Oh, damn, you've been called out.

Kevin Gatewood 7:35

I mean, if you're.

Ryan Shurtz 7:35

If you missed a quarter of the yearly meetings.

Robert White 7:38

Well, you also have to look at the meeting section.

Kevin Gatewood 7:41

Yeah. There's something that says after you miss two consecutive.

Ryan Shurtz 7:45

That's for the officers. That's why I'm pointing other members at large.

Kevin Gatewood 7:50

Yeah.

Ryan Shurtz 7:50

For the delegates and all that.

Robert White 7:51

The balance of it. But then also the meetings basically say that we only have one once a quarter.

Kevin Gatewood 8:00

Was that. Was that in this statute though, what you just said?

Ryan Shurtz 8:07

That was an add on for us because it gives us.

Kevin Gatewood 8:09

Does it say that in statute for. Because I have that statute cited there. And if it says it there, we don't necessarily have to add it. We just. No, it doesn't.

Ryan Shurtz 8:21

It doesn't have the removal of the delegates.

Robert White 8:28

In the instance the delegate, the alternate can't be there, but you can have somebody to represent your group and still stay active.

Kevin Gatewood 8:38

There might be something come up.

David Nesbitt 8:39

You can't avoid it.

Gary Reynolds 8:41

But it also states in there that they don't have voting rights and that's okay. Right? Right. At least you know, the information they got the. And we do have the primary and delegate or the alternate.

Ryan Shurtz 8:55

I'm not saying that the organization gets kicked out. I'm saying if I miss three meetings.

Robert White 9:01

You can say dav. You need to replace it.

Kevin Gatewood 9:04

The commission.

Gary Reynolds 9:05

Yeah.

Ryan Shurtz 9:05

The DA or the primary delegate will be removed because if they're not coming to the meetings, they don't need to be representing it if they're being attested. John Smith.

Gary Reynolds 9:16

Sorry, guys. Delegates shows up to all the meetings. Does the alternate. Is the alternate required to show up to any meetings?

Kevin Gatewood 9:22

No.

Gary Reynolds 9:27

So as long as either the primary or delegate shows up, it's okay as.

Ryan Shurtz 9:32

Long as a representative from the organization and those roles are there.

Robert White 9:41

Busy with vfw. And so does your. Or you guys are pointy.

Gary Reynolds 9:47

Yeah, we're a bunch of meetings.

Kevin Gatewood 9:49

Yeah.

Robert White 9:49

Kevin goes, hey, vfw. You ain't showing up. It was someone else that can come here. I think that's what his proposal is.

Gary Reynolds 9:56

We reappoint. No.

Kevin Gatewood 10:00

He says nobody stepped forward under officers.

Robert White 10:07

You say, yeah, it gives you for the removal of the officer if they can't show off that one.

Ryan Shurtz 10:12

Yeah. Section Article 5 membership.

Kevin Gatewood 10:16

All right, so where do you think we should insert that? Should we add a section or.

Ryan Shurtz 10:22

I added a section on it. I've got it highlighted as an additional section. Cuz I didn't see it fitting in.

Kevin Gatewood 10:27

To any of the other ones at the end.

Ryan Shurtz 10:30

Yeah, I had it as an additional Section 9.

Kevin Gatewood 10:32

Section 9.

Robert White 10:39

And I just make that simple and easy. If a delegate and alternate from a particular organization.

Ms. X. Many meetings in a row, two in a row. The whoever, the president or what we're.

Gary Reynolds 10:54

Calling him, Chairman, whatever.

Ryan Shurtz 10:55

Yeah.

Robert White 10:55

Petition the members organization for you for a new delegate.

Ryan Shurtz 10:59

And ultimately, I mean if you want to coincide with the exact verbiage of the officer when it can.

But the only reason I brought it up is because the officers. The board was mentioned, but the delegates.

Robert White 11:11

Well those are specifically mentioned because if you can't get enough of the board to.

Gary Reynolds 11:14

To attend a meeting, you don't have a quorum.

Robert White 11:17

So you got to have a method to kick them out.

Gary Reynolds 11:23

Just to be clear, everybody here is committed to this, right? You guys are going to attend the meetings faithfully as best you can, absent special events or whatever. I travel and I'll just be right up front. There may be times I miss, but that doesn't mean just because I'm not at this meeting. Anything you need, all you got to do is call because I will be there. I will get things done.

Ryan Shurtz 11:45

This isn't enough mentioned if one of them has an excused absence from a member of the board.

Robert White 11:52

You don't even need that.

Gary Reynolds 11:53

Exactly.

David Nesbitt 11:54

We have a form.

Gary Reynolds 11:58

And I would I definitely. If I'm traveling and you guys have a meeting, I can't be here. I'd love that personally. Absolutely. But you still have to have an in person quorum to take take care of business. Yep. All right.

Kevin Gatewood 12:19

Okay. Let's see. Let's see. On the officers. All I did was fix a couple of formatting things.

Ryan Shurtz 12:37

I added.

Kevin Gatewood 12:41

After the list of officers I put. Basically that the secretary and treasurer could be held by one person combined as one person if approved by the commission. In case we have trouble getting enough officers.

Gary Reynolds 13:24

Read the block below that one. Well, what's the block below that one?

Robert White 13:33

Block two blocks below.

Gary Reynolds 13:34

Sorry man. You can't be moving the goal post, man. Come on. Let me read it again.

Robert White 13:40

That's the problem.

Gary Reynolds 13:42

Blow it up. That phone's not big enough. Come on.

Ryan Shurtz 13:45

That's a real problem.

Robert White 13:46

Try to keep it all on the screen. Any members eligible to hold office all the way down at the bottom. Further provide that no two offices are filled by persons representing the same poster chapter.

Gary Reynolds 14:01

Kevin's going to switch his hat. He's going to represent post 1376. He's a lifetime member. I'm going to become your delegate.

Kevin Gatewood 14:16

Well.

Gary Reynolds 14:19

Well, listen, listen. So I'm your insurance expert. This is what I'm going to tell you. We do need a liability policy. They're very cost effective. Very cost effective? Yes.

Kevin Gatewood 14:30

Like 100 bucks a year or something, isn't it?

Gary Reynolds 14:32

Well, it's up a little bit, maybe 300, but still. Yeah. So the other thing that you endorse on is directors and officer liability. So every action that we would take in the, you know, good faith that we're trying to operate for whatever reason, if we're found to be not doing it right, not because of malicious intent, we are covered. But if you try to rip anybody off that's not covered, the organization will be. But you will not. Exactly.

Kevin Gatewood 15:05

So what was it you said, dad?

Gary Reynolds 15:08

Did you say he's worried about directors and officers liability? Yeah.

Robert White 15:14

There is provisioning in there somewhere.

Gary Reynolds 15:16

You have to have employee dishonesty forever. You're handling the funds, right.

Ryan Shurtz 15:21

So as far as the bond, the only one that the state requires is the superintendent. That's the only bond required by this. But anything above and beyond that for.

Gary Reynolds 15:36

This organization, once you select your superintendent, you don't want to have employee dishonesty and you just have to decide what level of coverage you want for that.

Kevin Gatewood 15:49

We may not necessarily need so much for treasurer because it's county money may.

Gary Reynolds 15:56

Be covered under their here again, Here again D and O and employers employee liability. So, you know, whoever's treasurer is acting in subordination to this board handling the funds, we're going to catch it one way or the other. If they say, well, they're not an employee, well, they're a director or an officer.

Kevin Gatewood 16:23

We don't have that much money.

Gary Reynolds 16:25

Really.

Kevin Gatewood 16:28

Yeah, we met. We can do that.

Gary Reynolds 16:31

Can I go ahead and say this? So the fiscal committee, Jefferson county last night approved our budget. It now goes to full board Monday night. We need to be there to make sure they pass that. From what I hear, a lot of comments started flying and they said, why wouldn't we support this? The young man, Williams, whatever his name is, out in your direction. My dad's a veteran. Why wouldn't we support this? Wait a minute. I didn't say we weren't supporting this. Then all of a sudden, discussion shut down. They passed it. It was done.

Kevin Gatewood 17:05

That's good.

Gary Reynolds 17:11

So, yeah, I think we're good to go. The other thing is because they're Giving US I think 168,000 is what they budgeted for. We're still not up and running. We may not be until January, February, March, who knows. Right. So I explained to the chairman, just work with us. We'll just, you

know, front load the expense for the employee and all the expenses. But any, you know, restitution for assisting veterans, we can get that figured out. They're very good with it.

Kevin Gatewood 17:46

Okay. And then what I was going to add to the discussion on bonding.

David Nesbitt 17:55

We don't have to report, right?

Gary Reynolds 17:57

We can. We should.

Kevin Gatewood 17:59

Yeah.

David Nesbitt 18:00

Of the superintendent Ms. Washington county did.

Kevin Gatewood 18:03

Not require.

David Nesbitt 18:07

There'S two I was there last night. That's why I got my last night. And they're still trying to get scrambled with the county to get money.

Ryan Shurtz 18:18

So it's not necess this is coming from knowledge on it. It's not necessarily the superintendent or that's the bsos technically that you need to be worried about. What it's going to come down to is if that superintendent forgets to file a claim and it just so happens to be awarded but they didn't file it a month or so after then that person if they can prove that it's they didn't file it in time, then they can come back and say this was approved. So you owe me \$4,200 because I'm 100%.

Kevin Gatewood 19:10

I know the DAV would go to the certification that has liability coverage for us. I don't know if the DFW does the same thing if you're operating under.

Robert White 19:20

Their but that's why he's saying as our superintendent for our organization here, we.

Gary Reynolds 19:25

Need to make if they're following those claims, they have that same protection.

Kevin Gatewood 19:28

Right.

Ryan Shurtz 19:29

With the buy whatever we get with it.

David Nesbitt 19:32

Since we already nonprofit and solicit funds, the Treasure is going to act, assume, take both accounts and there's much more liability.

Robert White 19:44

As a j read somewhere in here that we that it said the board had to be bonded. Remember where that's at, Governor?

Gary Reynolds 19:53

Well, I don't believe the board has to be bonded. Again, your directors and officers liability, the people actually touching the money. This board will not touch money unless you're assigned as treasurer to touch that money or the superintendent to touch that money.

Kevin Gatewood 20:12

So what I was going to add is we don't necessarily have to worry about that right now. If we do decide to get bonded, it'd be sometime later next year and.

Gary Reynolds 20:21

If that's the bonds or nothing.

Kevin Gatewood 20:25

We can say that we want to do it. We got the money and then the Other thing I was going to add to that. If we do go ahead and we're going. I think you were looking into that. As far as the 513C.

Gary Reynolds 20:39

Is it a 3C?

Kevin Gatewood 20:41

4C4. That's what.

Gary Reynolds 20:42

Yeah.

Kevin Gatewood 20:42

The service organizations are.

Gary Reynolds 20:44

I'm not an accountant. Right.

Kevin Gatewood 20:48

Same thing. Still tax. The only difference between a three and a four.

Gary Reynolds 20:52

This is a type of organization. Yeah. We need to follow the four.

Kevin Gatewood 21:02

We have the. We lobby Congress. That's why.

Gary Reynolds 21:06

But Ted said we don't get involved.

Robert White 21:07

In politics at our meetings, so we can't go against what the organization says.

Kevin Gatewood 21:14

Well, he's thinking of not having political discussions at the meetings.

Robert White 21:19

That's good too.

Kevin Gatewood 21:22

And candidates and things like that, voting for people. But as far as lobbying, we can discuss resolutions to present to Congress. That's where he is kind of getting mixed up. But where I was going to go with that is if we file that and we want to get a checking account just for our own commission funds, we might be able to get donations and be able to pay for things we need as a board or for the members or something like that. Then we may want to have the bond for that since it's separate from the county and all that. Okay, so do we need. So was there something there we need to add? You said something before that, though, Dave.

Gary Reynolds 22:13

It says, the superintendent and all members of the executive board shall be bonded in an amount prescribed by the Military.

Ryan Shurtz 22:19

Veterans Affairs Assistant Act.

Gary Reynolds 22:22

Well, if it's part of an act, we got to do it.

Kevin Gatewood 22:24

Yeah.

Robert White 22:25

Section 11 under superintendent.

Gary Reynolds 22:27

That's where I read it.

Robert White 22:28

It's way down there.

Gary Reynolds 22:29

Yeah, I was sitting there looking for it.

Robert White 22:31

So was I. I know I read something.

Kevin Gatewood 22:33

Yeah. I couldn't remember, but. Yeah, but anything that a statute said, we got to do, we got to do it anyhow, whether it's in our bylaws or not.

Robert White 22:41

Well, it's a good place to reference. Have to worry about crazy statute.

Kevin Gatewood 22:45

Right.

Gary Reynolds 22:46

Sort of. Like I explained to the county board, you don't have to vote for this, but you r