

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 5:15 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendance: Present: Randy Hotchkin, Gwen Rieck, Dr. Teresa Coon, and Leo Lease. Absent: Terry Stringfellow

1. **Perfecting Agenda:** MOTION to approve agenda by Rieck, second by Lease, all ayes, motion carried.
2. **Approve Minutes:** MOTION to approve January 11, 2021 minutes by Hotchkin, second by Lease, all ayes, motion carried.
3. **Monthly Budget Report:** Coon reported balance of \$54,752.
4. **Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation:** Report by Nicole Behrens, total balance of \$952,869. This includes donations, grant, and pledges.
5. **Approval of bills:**
 - i. RDG INV#48112 \$32,512.50 (paid 2/1/21)
 - ii. Amperage INV#028184 \$252.59 (paid 2/1/21)MOTION to approve by Rieck, second by Hotchkin, all ayes, motion carried.
6. **Discuss Fiscal Year 2021/22 Proposed Budget:** After discussion it was recommended to propose a budget of \$153,360. MOTION to accept proposed budget by Lease, second by Rieck, all ayes, motion carried.
7. **RDG Architects - Update:** Since last meeting Matt Coen of RDG advises that in order to proceed efficiently and to hold together the team already working on the building's renovation design, it is best that they finish their design and bid documents now rather than stopping and waiting until we're ready to get bids. T. Lacina thinks this is okay because (1) we've arrived at a very nice and simple design for the renovation, (2) having received the Great Places grant, and now surpassing a million dollars in support, the likelihood of fundraising success has significantly increased, (3) having the design will make it easy to move forward with bidding and (4) we have the levy funds available to pay for this. MOTION by Hotchkin to finish the design documents, second by Lease, all ayes, motion carried.
8. **Marketing & Fundraising Update:** Contact with the following is being made: Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance, Grinnell College, Knapp. Mailing to arts individuals and veterans will go out next week.
9. **Prairie Star Update:** Lacina has written to Iowa Gold Star and talked to Pete Brownell.
10. **Inquiries:** none
11. **Adjournment:** MOTION by Lease, second by Hotchkin, all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting: March 8, 2021