

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 AT 5:15 P.M.
Drake Community Library

MINUTES

Attendance: Present: Dr Teresa Coon, Randy Hotchkin, Eric Hartz, Becky De Los Santos
Absent: Leo Lease

1. **Perfecting the Agenda:** Item 2 was altered to include approval minutes for March 27, 2023. Motion to approve the agenda by Hotchkin, second by Hartz, all ayes, MOTION carried
2. **Approve Minutes:** MOTION by Hartz, second by Coon to approve minutes from March 27, 2023, April 10, 2023, April 13, 2023, and April 24, 2023: All ayes, MOTION carried.
3. **Monthly Budget Report:** Monthly balance: \$400,684
4. **Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation:** Paid Funds equal \$502,095. Pledges equal \$102,100. GPCF fees have not been paid.
5. **Approve Bills:** MOTION to approve by Hartz, second by Coon, all ayes, motion carried.
 - Alliant Energy \$36.17 (Paid 4/11/2023)
 - Alliant Energy \$35.85 (Paid 5/18/2023)
 - Alliant Energy \$42.54 (Paid 6/16/2023)
 - Alliant Energy \$40.11 (Paid 7/19/2023)
6. **Review of available levy proceeds and anticipated total proceeds as of 6/30/2024:**
Amount will total about \$534,095.44, less interim costs.
7. **Review impact of House File 718 and its elimination of maintenance levy as of July 1, 2024. Consider the next steps:** Presentation by Tom Lacina as to how House File 718 eliminates the Veterans Memorial Building maintenance levy as of July 1, 2024. Discussion as to consequences and impact as to the future of the memorial building. Discussion of power of the commission to remove the building and to utilize remaining levy funds for a veterans memorial monument in central park after funds have not been used for five years. No action taken.
8. **Inquires:** Several comments received, including as to past fundraising issues and how to best move forward with a monument and approach donors in that regard.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hartz, second by Coon, all ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2023