

# Veterans Advisory Board of Skagit County

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 1300  
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, 98273-5625

---

## Attendance – Total Attendees

1. Pete Sill – VAB Board Chair / CVMA
2. April Patterson – American Legion Post 91/VAB Second Vice Chair
3. Chris Diaz - Skagit County Veteran Service Specialist
4. Carmina Villalobos - Community Action of Skagit County
5. Jamie Thornberry - American Legion Post 147
6. Bob Stratton - VFW 5056
7. Bob Garrison - American Legion Post 91
8. Randi Bowman - WorkSource

## Call to Order

- Pete Sill called to order the regular meeting of the Skagit County Veterans Advisory Board at 1302 on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.
- We have a quorum and can continue with business

## Meeting Minutes Approval

- December 2022 minutes were available for review
  - Printed copies available - all members should have received an email with these minutes for review before the meeting
- ***Bob S. motioned that we accept the VAB general meeting minutes as presented***
  - ***Bob G. seconded the motion***
  - ***Motion passed unanimously***

## Reports

- Pete Sill - Board Chair Report
  - No report
- Carmina Villalobos – Financial / Vets Connect Report
  - Financial Report is attached as well as included in the earlier email
  - ***Bob G. motioned to accept the financial report as presented***
    - ***Ande M. seconded the motion***
    - ***Motion passes unanimously***
  - Vets Connect will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Chris Diaz (Skagit County Veteran Service Specialist)
  - See agenda for link to PACT ACT information - Phase one started today

- VA is hiring to accommodate for the influx from the PACT ACT
  - There is a new budget with new contracts with Vets Connect
    - No application for Cascade Landing as of yet
- Kelly Blau - VASH
  - Kelly was absent, but Carmina gave a an update
    - The 8 vouchers coming up in the new Housing Authority Project have been pushed back to February

### **Old Business**

- The veteran we helped into the VASH unit recently has been getting lots of support from the VFW, the legions, the ladies auxiliaries, and lots of other veterans. We are so thankful for all the support. The veteran really appreciates it.

### **New Business**

- Veteran in east county needs new plumbing in his home.
  - There are a lot of logistics in this matter. We were told he does not have running water to the home. This was tabled to be discussed when more information was available
- Wreaths Across America
  - Wreaths Across America is matching every wreath bought till the end of January 2023. They are also giving \$5 back when you purchase a wreath.
  - Contact Sue Gregg or see the flyer for more information
- Skagit County Stand Down
  - Will be Friday, April 21, 2023, and Saturday, April 22, 2023. Times to be announced as soon as we get confirmation of the location
  - Working on negotiating use of the church behind Kmart
    - There is money available for this, we just need to ensure it is a fair and reasonable price for the use of the space

### **Good of the Order**

- Friday morning coffee money from the Sedro Woolley American Legion went to buy Christmas gifts for a family that was very thankful for the support.

### **Adjournment**

- *April P. motioned for the meeting to adjourn*
  - *Bob G. seconded the motion*
  - *Motion passed unanimously*
- Meeting adjourned at 1337