



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Category: ORDER

Item No:

Date: 04/30/2019

Originating Department: BOCC

Issue: In the matter of appointing Tracy Heap to the Klamath County Veterans Advisory Council.

Background: The Veterans Advisory Council has a vacancy and has recommended the appointment of Tracy Heap. The above named applicant is willing, able and eligible to serve a term on the Board.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Recommended Motion: Approve and sign the attached Order appointing Tracy Heap to the Veterans Advisory Council commencing this day and continuing until April 30, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING)
TRACY HEAP TO THE)
VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL) ORDER NO. 2019-_____
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THIS MATTER coming on at this time to be heard before the Klamath County Board of Commissioners that there are vacancies on the Veterans Advisory Council;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that Tracy Heap is willing, able and eligible to fill said vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Approve and sign the attached Order appointing Tracy Heap to the Veterans Advisory Council with terms as follows commencing this day and continuing until April 30, 2022.

DONE AND DATED this 30th of April, 2019.

KLAMATH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner



Klamath County Veterans' Advisory Council

James Lindsey – Council Chair, Brigitte Marker, Vice-Chair - Disabled American Veterans
Peter Gleason - NCOA, Noko Herrera – CVMA, Mike Reynolds – VFW, Ron Ballard – Community Member,
Ray Ramirez –CAPO, Joe Scriven – Kingsley Field, Tammi DeForrest –Veterans Enrichment Center
Sarah Callen – Marine Corp League, Tracy Heap – KCC, and Kathy Pierce

April 17, 2019 Minutes

Council Members present were:

James Lindsey	Brigitte Marker	Peter Gleason	Tammi DeForrest	Noko Herrera
Sarah Callen	Ray Ramirez	Ron Ballard	Joe Scriven	

Council Members absent were:

Mike Reynolds

Others present:

Kathy Pierce	Teri Gentry	Madison McCuiston	Tracy Heap	Commissioner DeGroot
Kimmy Bolman	Daryl Cooper	Mardy Rudy	Jess Lindsey	Cornelea Coffman

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Brigitte Marker

The Pledge of Allegiance: led by Brigitte Marker

Sarah Callen moved to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting. Tammi DeForrest second the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- Joe Scriven gave an update on the Dave Roeber event. Event flyers are made. He would also like a presentation slide from the different agencies by next week. Table set-up will begin at 4:00.
- Memorial Day event will remain the same as in previous years. The Veteran organizations are not interested in expanding the event.

New Business:

- Tammy DeForrest said that Standown would be on Friday June 14, 2019. It is still in the planning stage. Delta Dental will be at Standdown. She is hoping to raise \$7,000.00. Commissioner DeGroot said the County Veterans Service Office would donate an additional \$2,000.00 to their previous donation. Please call Tammi to make a denotation. Tammi is also asking for volunteers to assist with the registration table
- Kathy Pierce congratulated Madison McCuiston on winning Miss City of Sunshine. Her platform promoted veteran issues.
- James Lindsey spoke about the new applications for the Advisory Council. David Burt from LaPine asked to be considered, but withdrew his application. The Council voted to add Tracy Heap from Klamath Community College. Ray Ramirez motioned to approve. Tammi DeForrest second the motion. The motion carried.
- Brigitte Marker said The DAV convention would be in North Bend, OR May 17-20. The DAV is also in the early planning stages of a fundraiser.
- Peter Gleason said the NCOA did well on their fundraiser at the Home Show.
- Mardy Rudy is the Vet's Court Mentor Coordinator. She is asking for mentors. It would be approximately for one hour a week.
- Tracy Heap said there is state funding available for schooling for Air Guard members and that KCC has spots available.
- Tammi DeForrest asked about a logo for the Advisory Council. Please submit ideas at the next meeting.
- Cornelea Coffman is a new HUD VASH Social Worker.
- Daryl Cooper said HUD VASH is adding a peer support position.
- Ray Ramirez is the new Commander of the DAV. He will be spending one day a week at the DAV. He will collect and disperse donations. He will also be doing VA claims.
- Noko Herrera said Community Action Partnership of Oregon would be moving to 409 Pine Street, Suite 300. Noko works with the homeless veterans and Ray Ramirez works with those in danger of losing their housing.

- Ron Ballard said that Noko Herrera is the new Commander of the VFW. Ron also said that the Food Bank is very low on food and that the Postal Service will be doing a food drive on May 11.
- Kathy Pierce spoke about the new VA Pension program and Appeal process.
- James Lindsey is the new Commander of the CVMA. Their State meeting is in Portland, OR on May 4. He is asking volunteers to help put up memorial flags at Klamath Memorial Cemetery on May 23 and assist with taking them down on May 28. The CVMA will be leading the Memorial Day Parade on May 27. James also spoke about an upcoming community event scheduled in July in Bonanza, OR.
- Commissioner DeGroot asked what he could do to help local veteran organizations. James Lindsey suggested mini housing for temporary shelter.
- James Lindsey suggested having food bags to hand out at Standdown.

- The next Advisory Council Meeting will be on Wednesday May 15, 2019 at 12:00 pm at the VFW.

James Lindsey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm. Joe Scrivin second the motion. Motion carried.