

NCBV Meeting Minutes
05-28-2020
11:00am

I. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum: Dick Saperstein, Chair
A quorum was present at this meeting.

Dick Saperstein, Chairperson
Beth Perring, Southern Representative
Harold Petrofsky, Southern Representative

Marcos Hurtado
Nels Brown

Staff:

Chris Mazza, Chief Enterprise Officer, Rehabilitation Division/DETR/BEN
Jessica Peters, BEO II, Rehabilitation Division/DETR/BEN
Sydney Martinez, BEO II, Rehabilitation Division/DETR/BEN
Kevin Horigan, BEO I, Rehabilitation Division/DETR/BEN
Janette Parish, AA IV, Rehabilitation Division/DETR/BEN
Melissa Castro, AA II, Rehabilitation Division/DETR/BEN
Drazen Elez, Deputy Administrator, Rehabilitation Administration/DETR
Shelley Hendren, Administrator, Rehabilitation Administration/DETR

II. Verification of Posting: Melissa Castro

Melissa Castro confirmed that the Agenda was posted in a timely and correct manner and was currently on file.

VIII. New Business

Discussion – Bert Hansen and Bill Schley: Dick Saperstein

The chair took the agenda out of order and addressed item number 8 first. The chair requested a moment of silence in memory of Bert Hansen and Bill Schley and took comments regarding both operators.

Beth Perring commented that Bert Hansen was a good, generous and thoughtful man and in her opinion, the best in the program.

Drazen Elez also acknowledged Bert and Bill and their contribution to the best and most stable BEP program in the country.

Dick Saperstein commented that Bert and Bill were strong figures in developing the BEP program in Nevada to the place where it is today. He credited the many benefits this state enjoys could be directly traced back to some of the work Bert and Bill had done.

Chris Mazza commented that he developed a tremendous amount of respect for Bert. Not only in the way he ran his business, but the way he treated his employees, and what he had done for the community in Boulder City. It is a tremendous loss for the program to not have Bert or Bill.

Shelley Hendren commented that both men were leaders in the program and in their communities. They brought a lot of passion to the work and the best we can do in their memory

is to continue their legacy in the program. Her hope is to keep their memory alive by continuing to have a viable and successful program.

III. First Public Comment Session: Dick Saperstein

There was none.

IV. For Possible Action – Vote to Accept the Agenda: Dick Saperstein

Beth Perring made a motion to accept this agenda and Harold Petrofsky seconded it. This motion passed unanimously.

V. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Dick Saperstein

There were no guests.

VI. For Possible Action - Approval of the minutes for the Nevada Committee of Blind Vendors meeting, February 13, 2020: Dick Saperstein

Beth Perring made a motion to accept the minutes and Harold Petrofsky seconded it. This motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

Discussion- BEN project and status update: Chris Mazza

Nothing at this time because all sites are closed due to Covid-19 pandemic, with the exception of vending routes.

VIII. Discussion/For Possible Action- State unassigned vending funds to be used to re-stock all BEN sites due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chris Mazza stated that using 110 funds for restocking of all BEN sites hasn't been approved by Congress yet, but we can use our own funds to restock and then transfer the 110 funds over when it is approved which will result in no costs to the operators to restock each site as we open back up for business. Beth Perring asked for an estimate of how much money would be used. Chris Mazza answered a little less than \$50,000 total to restock all sites.

Drazen clarified that where we are not allowed to use, as this is under a separate Act, is any kind of set aside funds or unassigned funds for these purposes. So, as Chris had mentioned, we are specifically identifying state unassigned funds. As those are the ones have flexibility, and the committee would be voting to create that allowance. To use this State Fiscal year '20 for the next State fiscal year specifically for State unassigned vending from the State Unassigned Vending stores.

Harold Petrofsky asked if the \$50,000 was approved to restock everybody would the Bureau apply for that money or is it up to the individual to apply for their own stuff?

Drazen Elez addressed that the CARES Act is not necessarily giving additional funding it is just creating a waiver of the law for us to be able to use the current VR funds to pay for this. So, no one would have to apply for anything as the Accounting Team would take care of appropriating the funds.

Dick Saperstein clarified with Chris Mazza that we will use vendors that we have on contract for the State such as U.S. Foods and Pepsi to restock all facilities. Each operator needs to determine what they will need for their facility and then communicate that with the State to ensure deliveries are made to each site.

Harold Petrofsky made the motion to approve this agenda item to reimburse. Beth Perring seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
Dick Saperstein recommended that we use the unassigned vending revenues to restock when possible.

IX. Second Public Comment: Dick Saperstein

There was none.

X. Discussion – Date for Next NCBV Meeting: Dick Saperstein

June 26, 2020 at 3:00pm has been chosen for the next meeting. Beth Perring made a motion to adjourn; Harold Petrofsky seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment: Dick Saperstein

This meeting adjourned at 11:30am.