

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. by committee chairman Jim Jansen, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed while John Zenkovich read the names of Veterans associated with the Langlade County Veterans Office whom have passed away since the last committee meeting.

Members present: James Jansen, Larry Poltrock and Richard Schuh.

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Marie Schuh, Steve Bradley, Dale Oatman, Dan Kamps and Tom Matucheski.

Agenda Item #4. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held March 13, 2017.
Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting held March 13, 2017. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Review Budget.
Motion by Dick Schuh to approve the budget report. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. . Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.

No Comment

Open Forum:

Steve Bradley stated the DAV is in charge of the Memorial Day festivities in Antigo this year. Dale Oatman stated the DAV will have the 6th district spring conference in Antigo this year. Marie Schuh stated the American Legion 9th district will hold the fall conference in Elcho. The date is unknown at this time.

Agenda Item #7 Veterans Issues and Office Updates.

John stated that he will be speaking in Phlox on Memorial Day so will not be able to attend the program in Antigo.

John commented on the multi county Veterans Benefit Expo which will take place in Rhinelander on April 21. There will be many vendors which can answer specific questions the veterans may have . Hopefully this event will have a great turnout and be a huge success.

The Choice Card 3 year pilot program will end in August but because there are funds left in the amount budgeted for this program it will continue as it has been operating until the money has been depleted.

The VA Dental Insurance Program which was another pilot program, stopped on January 1 of 2017. Nothing changed for the veterans who were already enrolled. They are not taking any new members at this time. It has been extended as of July 1 and this program will stay in effect until 2021. Hopefully to become a permanent program.

WDVA Secretary Zimmerman has stated that regionalization of CVSOs is a dead issue. Each county will remain with a CVSO. The relationship with the CVSOs and WDVA has greatly

improved with Secretary Zimmerman. He has been out and about meeting with different county offices to see what the CVSO can do for the Veterans they serve.

May is a busy month with Memorial Day. Flags for Memorial Day are here and stored in the garage. Cemetery caretakers who place the flags on the Veterans graves are welcome to stop in and pick up the flags they will need for this year.

Spring conference is in Bayfield county May 15th thru the 19th.

The Facebook page for the office has been approved and John will work on having it up and running as soon as possible.

Jim Jansen commented that he was very pleased with the report John gave at the county board meeting on Monday, May 3. Jim stated that John was very thorough at explaining just what the Veterans office provides for the Veterans and how the money brought in to the Veterans is spent in this county.

Agenda Item #8 Set Date for May 2017 Meeting and Tentative Date for June 2017.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. June's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #9. Adjourn the Meeting.

Motion by Dick Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Mary Lex