

## **Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting**

The meeting was called to order on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Gary Olsen, Marie Schuh, Dan Kamps, Bob Graupner, Tom Matucheski, and Steve Bradley.

### Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held July 13, 2015.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting held July 13, 2015. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the budget summary report. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Agenda Item #5 Approve the 2016 Budget and 2017 Budget Plan.

John stated that the only difference in the budget for 2016 was the cost for a panic button which will be installed in Mary's office. This will go directly to the police department.

There has been more money put into our advertising account for the year so we can advertise our dates, time and location for our outreach sites at other communities throughout the county.

Gary stated the line items for the CVSIO grant received from the state have been broken out so money spent from the grant can be easily tracked and reported.

Gary also said one thing that will have an effect on our budget for the future is that Obama has signed an executive order that will go into effect next year for the Fair Labor Standards Act. An employee who does not earn more than \$50,000 annually will be paid as an hourly employee. Since John falls into that category when he is acting in the capacity of County Veterans Service Officer at veterans organization meetings he will be paid for that time or comp that time to be used at another time to stay within the 7 hour workday. So that may be something the committee might want to watch.

John stated that in 2017 he will need the county insurance which is figured into the 2017 budget. Motion was made by Larry Poltrock to approve the 2016 and 2017 budget plan. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

### Agenda Item #6. Public Comment

Bob Graupner stated that at the American Legion meeting in White Lake last week, Paul Klocko spoke about phones available to veterans at no charge who have hearing impairment. These phones are available to any individual not just veterans who have hearing problems. There is a monthly fee on your phone bill through Frontier. Bob was concerned that this would interfere with the phone the Veterans Office has on display available for hearing impaired veterans.

John stated that the phone we have in our office is not connected with the VA at all. Just a private company which makes them for hearing impaired individuals. There is no cost for this phone for a veteran who we certify does indeed have a hearing problem.

Marie stated that she and Richard attended a 40 et 8 convention grande in Madison over the weekend.

Tom Matucheski stated that he is happy Dale Oatman, former CVSO, has attained the position of State Commander for the American Legion which he had been campaigning for.

Agenda Item #07. Veterans Issues and Office Updates.

John stated that the VA has now changed how the Camp Lejeune water problems are now being handled. Previously any medical bills incurred by the veteran or family member who were stationed at Camp Lejeune were paid for if it was an illness due to the contaminated water. Now the decision has been made those illnesses will be a presumptive service connected disability. The VA has not made the decision what diseases and illnesses will be on that list. As soon as that is published John will get the word out to the veterans of this community.

Agenda Item #08. Set Date for September meeting and Tentative Date for October

The committee scheduled the next meeting for September 14, 2015 at 1:30 pm. October's meeting date was tentatively set for Monday, October 12, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Agenda Item #09. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Mary Lex