

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on August 19, 2013 at 9:00 am by Chairman Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen and Larry Poltrock.

Members absent: Mike Klimoski

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Carlene Nagel, Dan Kamps, Tom Matucheski, and Liane Blahnik.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting, June 14, 2013.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous meeting held June 14, 2013, seconded by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve the budget summary.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the 2013 budget summary. Second by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Approve Proposed 2014 Budget and Preliminary 2015 Budget.

Nagel reported the veteran's budget for 2014 and 2015 came in on budget even with the tax levy freeze. The committee reviewed the proposed 2014 Budget and 2015 Budget Plan. Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the proposed 2014 Budget and the preliminary 2015 Budget as presented. Motion second by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Communications and Public Comment

Tom Matucheski reported he received two appointment letters from Iron Mountain, but he tried to call to schedule that appointment but was transferred to a department that told him they were not ready to take appointments. Dale reported they have some departments that moved around due to the renovations.

Dale Oatman reported that the Veteran's Administration came out with a letter stating that VA health care system complies with the Affordable Care Act that starts soon. Dale has told veterans who are in the VA health system that they should still pick up and carry a supplement to cover in the event of an emergency as there is no guarantee that the VA health care will cover local emergency room visits.

Dale Oatman reported the last Commission meeting was held July 24. The Commission reviewed a few applications and reviewed the budget for the remainder of the year.

Dale reported he toured the new clinic in Green Bay on July 26. They started taking appointments today. The clinic is still recruiting doctors. The clinic will ramp up slowly and start by bringing in veterans served by the old clinic first and then bring back those referred to Fox Valley region. Then they will look at bringing in veterans within a 30 mile radius. Dale reminded those interested in going to Green Bay that this clinic reports to Milwaukee. They will take some of the comp and pen load off of Iron Mountain.

Dale attended Music in the Park on July 1 for their Veteran theme show, honoring veterans from the various war periods.

Dale reported he will be leaving Wednesday early and be out of the office until September 9. He will be attending the American Legion National Convention in Houston for one week and then one fishing trip.

Dale spent the weekend at Camp American Legion where he viewed the new dock system and landing area that the National Guard engineering group put together and installed at no cost to the American Legion.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update.

Dale Oatman reported he attended the CVSO Association meeting at King and met the new Commandant, Deputy Commandant, and other new faces. Dale reported they have vacancies and veterans are able to get in. They are working to streamline their application process and build their population.

Dale attended a monument dedication in Wright's Town at the American Legion Post.

Dale reported renovations continue at Iron Mountain this month with their surgery department which will take approximately 6 months. They started with the elevator renovation on the south end. They will combine this into one elevator which will accommodate a gurney. They will fee base scheduled surgeries to local facilities since Madison was booked. Iron Mountain reported 32% of their staff was past veterans and they are trying to increase this percentage up to 40%.

Dale reported that last year he approached Marathon County about the veteran's court system, but this has not progressed as Marathon County put this on hold.

Agenda Item #8. Set date for September meeting and tentative date for October.

Meeting date was set for Monday, September 16, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Health Center Boardroom. October's meeting was tentatively set for Monday, October 14, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #9 Adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. Seconded by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
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