

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Richard Hurlbert and Mike Klimoski.

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Mary Lex, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik. David Lee, Tom Lazeres and Andy attended part of meeting.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held June 13, 2011.

Motion by Richard Hurlbert to approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous meeting held Monday, June 13, 2011. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Communications and Public Comment.

Dale Oatman reported the Menominee Transit meeting has been cancelled and has not been rescheduled. Dale will plan to attend the next meeting to discuss transportation for local veterans.

Dale Oatman reported he was at Iron Mountain where he learned that 23 VA hospitals received federal grants for vans to reach out and provide veterans a ride to their medical appointments. The one that is scheduled to stop in Rhinelander may be the closest to Antigo, but routes have not been finalized yet. This may be another option for area veterans. Menominee Transit still transports Veterans to Iron Mountain on Wednesday's; costs for this ride are \$60.00.

Dale Oatman attended the State Convention for the Forty & Eight this past weekend in Antigo. The group asked us to consider hosting the 2014 or 2015 fall convention again.

Dale Oatman reported the WDVA board meeting for next week has been cancelled due to the passing of Assembly Bill 96 which gave the Governor authority to hire the new secretary and increase board from 7 to 9 members. This left no one to be responsible for any commitments or decisions this board would make. The board who appointed the acting secretary became null and void. The interviewing process for the new secretary is on-going.

Tom Lazeres presented information to the Veteran's Service Committee regarding completion of the other side of the monument at Jack Lake. The Committee asked about funding to pay for this. Tom reported that other counties who have memorials had people purchase a spot or a paver to list a name of a veteran. Tom asked for input from the Committee about the design. The Committee suggested they check on the public's interest of the design and for purchasing a spot before they finalize arrangements to complete the monument.

Agenda Item #5. Discuss and approve 2011 Budget Summary report, travel pay, and payment of the bills.

The bills, the 2011 budget summary, and the travel pay reports were reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Richard Hurlbert to approve the 2011 budget summary report, the travel pay report, and authorize payment of the bills. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Approve the 2012 Veterans Budget and 2013 Veterans Budget Plan.

The 2012 Veterans Budget and 2013 Veterans Budget Plan were reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Mike Klimoski to approve the 2012 Veterans Budget and 2013 Veterans Budget Plan and to forward to the Finance Committee. Motion second by Richard Hurlbert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7. Discuss holding bi-monthly Veterans Service Committee meetings.

Dale Oatman reported there was a suggestion at the Executive Committee meeting that subcommittees meet bi-monthly or quarterly. Dale reported the County Management Team is also looking at this. Motion by Mike Klimoski to leave the Veterans Service Committee meetings as monthly meetings. Motion second by Richard Hurlbert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8. Outreach Update.

Dale Oatman reported he attended a meeting at Iron Mountain where he took a Langle County's veteran's issue. The next day Dale received an email that they were looking into this issue.

Dale reported the first article was in the last issue of Family Primetimes. Dale will continue writing these articles and update some radio advertising in the fall as they do inform veterans of services that may be available to them.

Agenda Item #9. Confirm date and time set for next month's meetings and September's committee meeting.

The date for next month's meeting will be Monday, September 12, 2011 at 9:00 am. October's meeting was tentatively set for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #10. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted by,
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