

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Larry Poltrock. Members absent: Richard Schuh
Richard Schuh requested to be excused. Larry made a motion to excuse Richard Schuh seconded by Jim Jansen.

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Dan Kamps, Al Werwie, Tom Matucheski and Robert Graupner.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held November 09, 2015.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting held November 09, 2015. Motion seconded by Jim Jansen. All ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the budget summary report. Motion seconded by Jim Jansen. All ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 Resolution to move John Zenkovich off probation and advance to next step on Matrix effective Dec. 1, 2015.

John stated that Gary said this is needed to be approved by the committee members because John has not moved up on the pay scale he is still on probation. This will move John off of probation and advance one step. The date will be effective on December 1 which is the date John started working for the county. The resolution is already there and Dec. 15 John is on the consent agenda and will attend the county board meeting to get re-elected as CVSO. Larry Poltrock made a motion to move John off of probation and on to the next step on the matrix effective Dec. 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Jim Jansen. All ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 Public Comment.

Al Werwie stated that George Buchanan a member of the American Legion, past county commander, and presently the historian for Dale Oatman, State Commander of the American Legion, passed away on Saturday Dec. 12 in Waupaca. George had 30 years in the Air Force. John stated that he will be buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Agenda Item #7. Veterans Issues and Office Updates

John started off with the dates the office will be closed for the remainder of the year. These will be Dec. 17, Thursday afternoon and Dec. 18 all day Friday due to a winter training scheduled in Clark County for the NE CVSOA. and the NW CVSOA. The office will be closed Christmas eve and Christmas day and also closed the afternoon of the Dec. 31.

John told about the StandDown on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the fairgrounds. John showed pictures of the event taken by historian George Buchanan that were on the American Legion Facebook page. About 80 veterans attended which was a pretty good turnout considering it was the first

one to be held in this county. There were booths from Iron Mountain VA Hospital, King Veterans Home, Job Center of Wisconsin, Inlanta Mortgage, VFW, American Legion, a Representative from Sean Duffy's office a Massage Therapist who works in the mini mall out by the Man Cave, the old motel on the south side of town. Fishing for Veterans from Rhinelander. Channel 12 also came and did an interview.

John stated that Iron Mountain VA had 9 people apply for the health benefits which they considered very good turnout for them. Everyone is looking forward to doing it again next year.

John stated that after the first of the year we will be going to the nursing homes in town to reach veterans or eligible surviving spouses that may be eligible for pensions. We will then set up an outreach post in White Lake and Elcho and plan on going out there at least once a quarter to help veterans who have a hard time getting into town. The laptop and printer at the StandDown worked well so we now know that this will be really helpful for doing these claims right at the outreach site.

John commented that there were no applications for commission assistance for the last quarter. Tommie Stuckert, commission committee member, was at the StandDown and handed out a couple of applications but we have received nothing at our office from that.

Agenda Item #08. Set Date for January meeting and tentative Date for February's Meeting.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, January 11, 2015 at 1:30 pm. February's meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 08, 2016 at 1:30 pm.

Agenda Item #09. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jim Jansen. All ayes, one absent. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Mary Lex