

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, and Larry Poltrock.

Members absent/excused: Richard Schuh.

Others Present: Dale Oatman, John Zenkovich, Bob Graupner, Tom Matucheski, Ken Popelka, Randy Adair, Don Emley, Dan Kamps, Al Werwie, and Liane Blahnik. Steve Bradley attended part of meeting.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held November 10, 2014.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous meetings held November 10, 2014, November 14, 2014 and November 24, 2014. Motion second by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

The 2014 budget summary was reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the budget summary report. Motion second by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Introduction of John Zenkovich.

Dale Oatman introduced John Zenkovich. Dale reported John started on December 1 which the County Board approved. John reported he lives in Antigo, has three children. John enlisted in the service in 1984, and after three years became an Officer. John reported he is still an Officer in the Army Reserves. The Committee members and veterans welcomed John.

Agenda Item #6. Communications and Public Comment .

Dale Oatman reported he will be attending the 48 & 8 Veteran's Day Dinner on Tuesday, as this was postponed due to the weather.

Dale reported the Marine Corp Veteran's Day Dinner went well and he provided information about the water issues at Camp LeJeune.

Dale spoke at the American Legion Post 3 in Antigo and Post 524 American Legion in White Lake Veterans Day dinners.

Dale reported he attended the delayed Antigo Middle School Veteran's Day function. He was supposed to attend the Elcho School function on Veteran's Day, but it was cancelled due to the weather and their event was not rescheduled.

Dale reported he marched in the Christmas Parade this week in Antigo.

Dale reported the DAV rides were being provided by Tommy Stuckert, David Lee and a number of people under them. Dale reported Tommy has backed off some of his duties for the DAV which means some veterans will not be transported to medical appointments by Tommy.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update.

Dale reported that John and he attended an Iron Mountain Staffing on December 1. John was able to meet key people at the facility, tour the facility and meet the eligibility person at Iron Mountain. John was also able to meet with the NE CVS group and VSO from Upper Michigan.

Dale and John attended a meeting at CoVantage Credit Union regarding Community Development where approximately 30 people were in attendance. There was agreement that these Community Development meetings should continue. John will continue to attend these meetings. John reported Habitat for Humanity would like applications from Veterans for their program, as they would like to qualify a Veteran from this program.

Dale shared information about what Veterans bring into their community economically. His report did not include income paid to retired military personnel. In 2012, Dale reported Veterans brought in \$12,718,000, and in 2013 it was \$12, 929,000. Both are huge amounts of income brought into our county.

Dale extended his gratitude to the Veterans Committee both past and present and all the veterans who have attended meetings showing their support and sharing information. Dale stated it was an honor and privilege to serve Veterans in this community and beyond.

Dale reported that Green Bay's Veteran clinic continues to struggle with the lack of doctors for many disciplines.

Agenda Item #8. Set Date for January meeting and Tentative Date for February.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for January 12, 2015 at 9:00 am. February's meeting date was tentatively set for Monday, February 9, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #9. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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