

Minutes of Langelade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Larry Poltrock and Mike Klimoski who was late.

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Tom Matucheski, Al Werwie, Randy Adair and Carlene Nagel.

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

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

Agenda Item #4. Communications and Public Comment.

Al Werwie advised that he was given a 3/4/13 appointment for his new hearing aids so he is hoping they are the correct ones this time. Dale Oatman advised that a Commission meeting was held and Dan Kamps was elected Chairmen. It was Randy Adair's first meeting as he replaced Jack Marciniak. Randy was present and introductions were made. Dale reported he received the CVSO Grant package and was completing it for Dave Solin's signature at the next County Board meeting. Dale advised the grant had been reduced to \$8,500 because our county population dropped below 20,000 people.

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

The bills, the budget summary, and the travel pay reports were reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the budget summary report, the travel pay report, and authorize payment of the bills. Motion second by Jim Jansen. Two ayes; one absent. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Approve carry forward amounts for 2013.

Dale advised the following would be carried forward: veterans travel in the amount of \$3,978.78, veterans relief in the amount of \$1,404.94 for a total of \$5,383.72. A motion was made by Larry Poltrock to allow the carry forward amounts and it was second by Jim Jansen. Motion carried with two ayes and one absent.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach update.

Dale reported he attended an Iron Mountain VA Hospital meeting with guest speaker Danny Pummill, Veterans Benefits Director, Washington D.C., providing an update stating that Sec. Shinseki plans to reduce the claims backlog to the normal 125 day processing by the end of 2015. He also advised that the VA was exempt from sequestration. He continued to answer a number of questions from CVSO's and Upper Michigan VSO's.

Dale also advised that he had volunteered his services to meet with recently returned National Guard veterans deployed to Afghanistan and their families who are undergoing reintegration. This will take place at the Appleton Armory on Saturday and Sunday March 9th and 10th.

Al Werwie had a question concerning the pay to homeless veterans when the VA will no longer issue checks. Dale advised that the VA was working the issue with no firm decisions have been made to date. Dale also advised that veterans over the age of 80 may not have to comply with direct deposit requirements.

Agenda Item #8. Confirm date and time set for November's committee meeting and set date and time for December's committee meetings.

The March meeting is scheduled for Monday March 11, 2013 at 9 am. April's meeting date is tentatively set for Monday, April 15, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #9. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dale Oatman
Langlade CVSO