

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. by committee chairman Jim Jansen, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed while Mary Lex read the names of Veterans associated with the Langlade County Veterans Office whom have passed away since the last committee meeting.

Members present: James Jansen, Larry Poltrock and Richard Schuh.

Others Present: Mary Lex, Al Werwie, Bob Graupner, Dan Kamps and Tom Matucheski.

Agenda Item #4. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held January 9, 2017.
Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting held January 9, 2017. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Review Budget.

Motion by Dick Schuh to approve the budget summary report. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Review and Approve carryforward funds request from 2016 to 2017 budgets.

Mary stated the requested carryforward amount of \$5,316.32 for the veterans travel. The requested carryforward amount of \$11,792.94 is for Veterans Relief.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the carryforward funds requested for veterans travel and commission assistance be moved to the 2017 budget. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 Approve creation of Facebook page for Veterans Service Office.

Mary stated that the office would like to have a Facebook page created for reaching the younger veterans. Mary and John believe this would provide information and also receive feedback from younger veterans in our county. John will use other county Facebook pages as a guide.

Larry stated he also believes this will be a great addition for reaching veterans with Boost Posts which reach everyone in the area who you specify within a certain demographic area.

Motion by Larry Poltock to approve the creation of a Facebook page for the Langlade County Veterans Service Office. Seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.

No Comment

Agenda Item #9. Veterans Issues and Office Updates.

Mary stated that John is at military training this week and will be back on Friday.

Mary stated that Dr. David Shulkin was an Obama nominee for Chief Executive of the Veterans Health Administration. Now he has been nominated for the VA Secretary. If approved he will be the first non veteran to run the VA. (Dr. Shulkin was unanimously approved minutes after the meeting.)

Mary stated Governor Scott Walker announced his appointment of Daniel Zimmerman to serve as the secretary of the WDVA. Mr. Zimmerman is a retired lieutenant colonel and military intelligence officer with 25 years of service in the US Army.

Mary stated that she and John will be attending the Amron Health Fair on March 1. They will occupy a table which will provide CVSO information but will also be looking for veterans to enroll in the VA health care.

Mary stated that the radio ads will continue in 2017 along with the monthly articles for Primetime John has been doing. Those articles and ads seem to bring in many veterans throughout the year.

Mary stated that the office is still going through the deceased veterans files and she has contacted many widows within the last two months and have found some that are now eligible for death pension.

Mary stated that the commission met for their quarterly meeting on January 25, 2017.

Dan Kamps commented that in October they will consider if the amount for each application may be raised. There were no applications to be approved at the meeting.

Mary stated there are two open applications out at this time.

Agenda Item #10. Set Date for March 2017 Meeting and Tentative Date for April 2017.

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 1:30 pm. April's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017.

Agenda Item #11. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by,
Mary Lex