

Minutes of Llanglade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 1:32 p.m. by Chair Jim Jansen, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for the veterans associated with the Llanglade County Veterans Office whom have passed away since the last committee meeting.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Larry Poltrock, Richard Schuh

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Marie Schuh, Dan Kamps, Steve Bradley, and Tom Matucheski.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held January 11, 2016.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting held January 11, 2016. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

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

Agenda Item #5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.

Agenda Item #6 Public Comment.

Steve Bradley stated that the American Legion Post 3 and the 40 et 8 will hold a birthday dinner on March 17. Both organizations have a birthday during that same time frame and they will celebrate with a dinner.

Agenda Item #7 Veterans Issues and Office Updates

John stated that the bill called- LRB4524/AB821/SB668 which started out as making the CVSO position optional, not requiring Veteran status, allowing to be placed under another Department, consolidating all authority to assist Veterans in Wisconsin under the WDVA. They would have the ability to create Consortiums in the rural counties closing our offices. Thursday (Feb 4) both were debated in Committee. County Veterans Service Officers will no longer be able to provide proof of Veteran status for the DMV. Our office would not be able to assist veterans in obtaining any state benefits such as the Wisconsin GI Bill, Property Tax Credit, and Assistance to Needy Veterans Grants for local veterans.

VBATS access – we are currently on a 30 day privilege for access to the WDVA system. We use it to get DD214s from the WDVA for: VA Healthcare, DMV, comp/pen, burial benefits, WI GI Bill, notifying the state of a Veteran death.

CVSO grant – supplement – many requests for reimbursement state-wide have been denied. These were denied due to changes made after the grant was required to be turned-in. John stated

that he did all the procedures properly for the grant application but the office may not be reimbursed for submitted expenses because they may not fall in as permissible expenses.

The current climate with WDVA makes reimbursement in 2017 and beyond unlikely. I propose at next month's Veterans Committee meeting we have an agenda item, and vote, to request that for 2017 and beyond the grant money be removed from our budget and replaced from General fund. John had broached this topic with Gary previously and it would cause us to lose the ability to roll over Veterans transportation funds yearly, but we should be able to compensate in other areas. John will continue to apply for the grant as long as it exists.

A motion was made by Richard Schuh to add an agenda item to the March Veterans Committee Meeting to request \$8500 be added from general fund to 2017 and beyond budget. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8. Set Date for March Meeting and Tentative Date for February

The committee scheduled the next meeting for Monday, March 14 at 1:30 pm. April's meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 1:30 pm.

Agenda Item #08. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Mary Lex