

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Richard Hurlbert and Mike Klimoski.

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Carlene Nagel, Al Wewrie, Jack Marciniak, Dick Schuh, Marie Schuh, Dan Kamps, and Liane Blahnik.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held December 5, 2011.

Motion by Mike Klimoski to approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous meeting held Monday, December 5, 2011. Motion second by Richard Hurlbert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Communications and Public Comment.

Al Werwie reported the White Lake VFW Honor Guard has approximately 20 members including five riflemen; flag bearers for the American, VFW, and every branch of the service including the Coast Guard and Merchant Marines; a Sergeant at Arms, and a Chaplin. They recently had a few funerals in the area and 17 or 18 members of this Honor Guard participated.

Dale Oatman reported there is a Commission Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2012. Jack Marciniak is the chair for the commission.

Dale reported his office hosted the north east CVSO meeting on December 16, 2011 in this board room. One person from Iron Mountain had to cancel as she was pre-empted by a meeting in Washington D.C. that extended longer than it was suppose to. There was an update on the Vet Center that will be opening in Wausau this February. Dale thanked VFW Post 9438 for the coffee and donuts for that meeting.

Dale did an extrapolation and the stats for 2011 show that area veteran's pension and comp benefits were about 7.3 million. This is up for the 4.9 million in 2010 and 4 million in 2009. Dale feels the increase could be due to the new presumptive for agent-orange and an increase in the veteran population.

Agenda Item #5. Discuss and approve 2011 Budget Summary report, travel pay, and payment of the bills.

The bills, the 2011 budget summary, and the travel pay reports were reviewed by the Committee. Nagel reported there is one more payroll that needs to come out of the budget this year. There will be \$2,042 left in the Veteran's Relief and \$10,449 left in Travel pay that can be carried forward. Motion by Richard Hurlbert to approve the 2011 budget summary report, the travel pay report, and authorize payment of the bills. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Outreach Update.

Dale Oatman said the DAV Christmas dinner was well attended at the VFW.

Dale reported they are almost finished with the renovations at Iron Mountain. Dale may get a tour later in the day if he is able to attend the monthly meeting there. The Committee asked about Green Bay's project. Dale reported opening is scheduled for spring, 2013.

Dale reported there was a computer glitch and several did not receive the 3.6% raise in comp/pen through VA. They are working to resolve that issue.

Agenda Item #7. Confirm date and time set for next month's meetings and March's committee meeting.

The date for next month's meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012 at 9:00 am. March's meeting was tentatively set for Monday, March 12, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #8. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mike Klimoski to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Richard Hurlbert. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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