

## **Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting**

The meeting was called to order on Monday, January 9, 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 John Zenkovich 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: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Al Werwie, Marie Schuh, Dale Oatman and Dan Kamps.

Agenda Item #4. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held December 12, 2016.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting held December 12, 2016. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5. Review Budget Summary

Agenda Item #6. Public Comment on Agenda Items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas.

Public Comment Open Forum: No Comments were made.

Agenda Item #7 Veterans Issues and Office Updates

John gave an update on the CVSO grant. John has the paperwork finished for the grant. Langlade county is eligible to receive \$8500 based on the population of the county. Submitted expenses of \$2250 for salary, \$400.15 which is 41% of the fall conference expenses, and the veterans travel for July through December which is \$4600 for a total reimbursement of \$7250.15. John stated the balance in the commission assistance and veteran travel will be requested to be carried forward as it has been in previous years.

John stated that meetings for planning the Memorial Day program in Antigo are underway at the American Legion Hall.

John will be speaking in Phlox on Memorial Day 2017.

Advertising on the radio during 2016 went very well bringing in many walk in veterans.

John will be doing announcements on the radio for 2017 to include an announcement for veterans, reservists and National Guard members who were stationed at Camp Lejeune during the time period of August 1, 1953 through December 31, 1987.

John stated that the Primetime articles are also well read and bring many veterans into the office. John also asked for suggestions on how to reach more veterans within the county. Committee member Larry Poltrock suggested creating a Facebook page and putting out boost posts which would reach the younger veterans in the area.

John stated that, Governor Scott Walker named Kathy Marschman as Acting Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA).

Kathy Marschman currently serves as Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of

Veterans Affairs and will begin serving as Acting Secretary today, Monday, January 9, 2017. Candidates and resumes for the Secretary position are available online at:

[http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/here-are-the-applicants-to-replace-veterans-affairs-secretary-john/article\\_adcaad2d-2f3c-59ea-a23b-e078c8c05eb9.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/here-are-the-applicants-to-replace-veterans-affairs-secretary-john/article_adcaad2d-2f3c-59ea-a23b-e078c8c05eb9.html)

John noted that hopefully by the February meeting we will know who has been appointed Secretary for WDVA and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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

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

Agenda Item #09. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Mary Lex