

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 9:00 am by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others Present: Dale Oatman, Mary Lex, Al Werwie, Tom Matucheski, Dan Kamps, Jack Marciniak, Steve Bradley, Carlene Nagel, and Liane Blahnik.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held May 14, 2012.

Motion by Mike Klimoski to approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous meeting held Monday, May 14, 2012. Motion second by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Communications and Public Comment.

Al Werwie reported on the Memorial Day festivities held at White Lake, as 19 in attendance for the Honor Guard who presented ceremonies at five cemeteries. Al reported that Dale installed the new officers at White Lake.

Dale Oatman reported there was a decrease in the CVSO Grant for Langlade County because the population went under 20,000 on the last census. The grant amount received in the office decreased from \$10,000 down to \$8,500.

Dale reported that scam alerts continue even in this area. A recent one, reports to be a legal and financial group which will be traveling throughout the State asking to brief the elderly, in particular the veterans, about hiding assets in a way that would then make them eligible for VA benefits. In hiding assets, which is totally legal in a way they do, it would take away benefits from those who really need it. Dale would like to be alerted if one comes around in Langlade County, as he would like to attend. Dale would like everyone to spread the word that the CVSO is open and there is no charge for the CVSO to help veterans file for benefits. Dale would also like to remind people never to give out their Social Security number, as financial people and government employees will not ask for this number.

Agenda Item #5. Discuss and approve 2012 Budget Summary report, travel pay, and payment of the bills.

The bills, the 2012 budget summary, and the travel pay reports were reviewed by the Committee. Motion by Mike Klimoski to approve the 2011 budget summary report, the travel pay report, and authorize payment of the bills. Motion second by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Update from Memorial Day Celebrations.

Dale Oatman reported there was a speaker in Phlox that did an outstanding job. And the parade was well attended. Dale reported the Elcho festivities went well, as did the White Lake festivities that were reported on by Al.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update.

Dale Oatman reported there will be a ceremony for Flag Day at East View. This will also be a Flag Day ceremony at the Elk's Club with the Boy Scouts. Steve Bradley reported this will be held on June 13 and the Timberwolves will also be there.

Dale reported this Sunday will be American Legion King Day. The 40 et 8 will be there for this celebration. On June 24th, the DAV will celebrate the day at King.

Dale reported the parking lot at Iron Mountain is finished. More Providers will be moving this month, so people having appointments may need to allow extra time to find there appointment location. The next renovations will be on the third and sixth floors. There will be an open house on June 21st. A new chief of staff has been hired. Two audiologists will be starting this month, but one audiologist is retiring. One technician for audiology has been hired, but some will continue to be "fee based" out. Doctor Potter will be on extended leave and should return mid-August. Dale reported when the mega-clinic in Green Bay opens up, there will be an audiologist there to help relieve the demand for audiologists at Iron Mountain.

Mike Klimoski questioned Dale's meeting at Camp American Legion. Dale reported his meetings will be later in June, and will bring information back to the August meeting.

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

Dale Oatman reported there will not be a July meeting. The date for Augusts' meeting will be Monday, August 13, 2012 at 9:00 am. The September meeting was tentatively set for Monday, September 10, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #11. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mike Klimoski to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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