

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, November 7, 2011 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, Mary Lex, Carlene Nagel, Al Wewrie, and Liane Blahnik.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held August 8, 2011.

Motion by Richard Hurlbert to approve the agenda and approve the minutes from the previous meeting held Monday, October 17, 2011. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Communications and Public Comment.

Dale Oatman reported he did not make it to Green Bay for the ground breaking, but he did see some pictures from that event. The Milwaukee Director is adamant that it will be open by the end of next year.

Dale reported that John Scocos, Governor Walker's selection for WDVA, was confirmed by the Senate.

Dale reported his office has been receiving many calls with the passing of the new conceal and carry law in Wisconsin. Many times veterans do not need to go through the training, as their discharge document is enough in most cases. It is still recommended that everyone take the training.

Dale reported the mail for veterans going to Iraq will cease on November 17 because of the scheduled troop pull-out.

Dale reported the Veteran's Administration Research and Development Center in Puget Sound has been doing a trial test for a nasal insulin spray to prevent the early onset of Alzheimer's.

Dale reported Congress did pass a raise for veteran pension and comp pay. This will be going to the President for his signature.

Dale shared some information of the local fundraiser for the Honor Flight. The American Legion, Post 3, had 5,000 cards printed up where a donor can place their name that they donated for this effort, and it will be posted in local businesses. The cost to print the cards was \$500. American Legion, Post 3 donated half and Bina Printing Company donated half. The next Honor Flight out of our area will be in April.

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. Motion by Mike Klimoski to approve the 2011 budget summary report, the travel pay report, and authorize payment of the bills. Motion second by Richard Hurlbert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6. Updates from job fair.

Dale Oatman reported he attended the job fair in Wausau which was held at a pavilion. This job fair was well represented by people looking for work and there were several different companies there looking to hire individuals.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update.

Dale Oatman wrote an article for this month's Prime Time about the History of Veteran's Day. The Veterans Administration also comes up with a theme and do up a nice poster to promote Veterans' Day.

Dale will appear of the Breakfast Club on November 10 to speak about the upcoming Veteran's Day events.

Dale will travel to Iron Mountain today to meet with the Director at the hospital there. Dale also travels to Tomah and Madison every other year to meet with their Directors. Dale reported Iron Mountain received a grant to send vehicles out to pick up veterans for their medical appointments there. Rhinelander is the closest stop to Langlade County for one of those vehicles.

Agenda Item #8. Confirm date and time set for next month's meetings and November's committee meeting.

The date for next month's meeting will be Monday, December 5, 2011 at 9:00 am. January's meeting was tentatively set for Monday, January 9, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #9. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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