

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, October 17, 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, David Lee, Carlene Nagel, Al Wewrie, and Liane Blahnik. Jack Marciniak attended part of meeting.

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, September 12, 2011. Motion second by Mike Klimoski. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Communications and Public Comment.

David Lee reported he attended the DAV State Conference and learned that they still plan to break ground for the VA clinic in Green Bay this fall. There was also discussion about another Vet Center building being built in Wausau.

Dale Oatman planned to attend the ground breaking for the Green Bay clinic next Wednesday.

Dale reported that in December Dale and Mary will host the north east CVSO meeting here on December 16 in the board room. There will be someone from Iron Mountain who oversees the Women's Veteran Program and a Vet Center Representative from Green Bay will be on hand to speak at this meeting.

Dale reported a Commission Meeting will be held this Wednesday which starts at 4:30. Dale will discuss with Tommie Stuckert about renewing his appointed position before forwarding to the County Board Chair.

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 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. Updates from CVSO fall conference.

Dale Oatman advised the fall conference was held in Weston. There was a new president elected, which was Mike Hailey from a county in the western part of the State.

Training received at this conference includes training on the Virtual VA system, training on the rating tables was presented by Wisconsin DVA, and an update from the pension centers. The pension center continues to struggle with their back log. Each year a veteran who receives a pension, their information needs to be updated, to see if they continue to be qualified to receive that pension. There was also a mock hearing for appeals and updates on caregiver benefits.

There was an update on the death pension and burial benefits. The plot allowance for those who qualify went up from \$300 to \$700, but the veteran needs to pass away in a VA facility. Dale reported there was an update on CHAMP VA which is for family members who qualify for the benefit if the veteran is 100% and has a permanent or total situation for that veteran. Dale reported the Fisher House in Milwaukee is on schedule as well as the funding for that project.

Agenda Item #7. Outreach Update.

Dale Oatman attended the DAV State Convention on Friday afternoon and spoke at that convention. Dale was also on a panel that answered questions.

At the last north east CVSO meeting in Appleton, Dale learned that the Milwaukee Spinal Cord Center will not open until December, but CVSO's are welcomed to take a facility tour prior to the opening.

Dale reported he will be speaking at the White Lake School on Veterans Day.

Dale will be attending a job fair in Wausau next Wednesday, but will return to Antigo early as Co Vantage will hold an expo from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. That evening.

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, November 7, 2011 at 9:00 am. December's meeting was tentatively set for Monday, December 5, 2011 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 9:45 am.

Submitted by,
Liane Blahnik
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