

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Larry Poltrock and Richard Schuh.

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Marie Schuh, Dan Kamps, and Dale Oatman

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held August 10, 2015.

Motion by Richard Schuh to approve the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting held August 10, 2015. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the budget summary report. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 Public Comment.

Marie Schuh commented that someone was asking how they could go about finding out if a family member of theirs was a veteran and eligible for a veteran marker. This family member is buried in the Elcho cemetery and there is not a VA marker on it. Dick went out to the cemetery and put a flag holder by the grave so next Memorial Day they will put a flag by his grave.

John replied the family needs to stop in the office with date of birth and social security number of the person they are checking on and he can look for proof that he is a veteran.

Veterans who passed away before Nov. 1, 1990 and had a privately purchased headstone were not eligible for a government marker furnished by the government. So if that is the case then that may be why he does not have a marker showing veteran status. The family may purchase one if they ~~have~~ desire.

Marie stated that they visited the Veterans Museum in Madison and they were informed by the staff that since the last veteran passed away who served in World War I they can put out records about World War I. So when the last veteran passes away from World War II they will put out those records.

Dale Oatman commented that he has a speaking obligation already for Veterans Day 2015.

John added he is speaking at Elcho.

Agenda Item #6. Veterans Issues and Office Updates

John has an appointment to go before the finance committee for his first time to go over the budget that was approved for 2016 and tentative 2017.

On October 2, John will attend a training session in Waupaca at the CVSIO office on PTSD. Mary will be in the office so the office will not be closed.

The office will be closed October 5th through the 9th because John and Mary will be at the fall conference in Baraboo. The speaker at the CVSIO meeting on Friday will be the State Commander, Dale Oatman.

John will be at Fort Jackson, SC on Thursday Sept. 17th and Friday Sept. 18th for briefings and ceremonies for his military service.

Mary will be on vacation for a couple of days the following week.

John explained that the CVSO grant which the county receives each year for \$8500 has been changed. Was previously done in the spring of the year but now have until the end of October to apply for the grant for next year. The reporting time period has changed from July to June of the year and before it was January to December. It will be done in two increments. In October John will file paperwork stating that Langlade County does want the grant, then at the end of December report what the grant was spent on and if it meets the requirements the county will then be reimbursed for those funds. The fear is that some of the expenditures may not meet what is allowable and we may come up short. John had a meeting with the finance director going over what could be reimbursable. Gary e-mailed the WDVA grant department to inquire what will be allowed and has already received a response.

John stated that he, Mary, Gary and Carlene will meet on September 30th to go over this grant. Transportation for veterans is now allowable as an expense under this grant so we can use this as an expense and get reimbursed dollar for dollar instead of the 7 cents per mile received from the WDVA transportation grant. To ensure that we get the full \$8500 we will use travel as an expense until we meet the \$8500, then would apply for the transportation grant with the remaining expense for travel pay.

John stated that the Korean War veteran who received the Medal of Honor in Wisconsin, Einar Ingham Jr. has passed away on Wednesday in Tomahawk. President Truman awarded Einar the medal in 1951.

Agenda Item #07. Set Date for October meeting and Tentative Date for November

The committee scheduled the next meeting for October 12, 2015 at 1:30 pm. November's meeting date was tentatively set for Monday, November 9, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Agenda Item #08. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Mary Lex