

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes February 4, 2022

Business Meeting

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room meeting room by Chairman Derik Van Baale.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Derik Van Baale, Terry Dykema, Ruth Burmeister, Gina Mead, Paul Dees Jr., Jodi Slinkard

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Public Comments:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by PD

Motion 2nd by GM

Voice vote, Yes 5 No 0

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

Jodi has received the new credit card with her information.

Continues to work on various systems as well as PIV card.

Finger printing is scheduled.

Continues to meet with veterans in the county. Recently had time at the Hart VFW to answer questions from veterans. She has been asked to return to work with additional veterans.

Jodi has identified numerous homeless veterans that she is addressing.

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Budget and Finance Committee

MVAA approval for the first quarter of the grant.

The committee discussed spending MVAA grant money on hiring an administrative assistant for the VSO.

Community Relations

Subscription to Michigan grant watch will assist GM in looking for additional funds.

GM has found that the veteran community has been asking questions about the committee members. GM feels that there is a lack of information in the public about the committee members.

Jodi is being scheduled for an interview to get her information out to the public with a veteran spotlight.

Personnel Committee

DV is working with TB to get finalized numbers for the office administrator funding.

Policy and Procedures

TB has provided the members with the prior by laws and policy and procedures. She has also provided the committee with the proposed updated documents for the members to compare. Once members have been able to examine both there will be discussion at the March meeting to finalize and complete both.

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

No report

Old Business

There are currently three signs that are made and waiting to be installed around the county.

New Business

TB makes a motion to amend the MVAA grant to use the total of that money for the hiring of the office administrator. Motion 2nd by GM

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No Motion approved

TB has an improved way to produce the annual report. Provided an example from Love Inc.

DV will have the 2022 strategic plan finalized.

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Move to discuss the open position and future hiring of the office administrator. OA will be focused on grant writing, day to day operation of the office as well as relief claims.

TB makes a motion to store dry foods in the office IOT provide veterans with additional resources including food vouchers. Motion 2nd by DV

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

RELIEF MEETING

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 1245 P.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room by Chairman Derik Van Baale.

Roll Call: Derik Van Baale (DV), Gina Mead, (GM) Paul Dees Jr. (PD) Terry Dykema (TD), Tracy Blamer (TB)

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

04-22. Veteran is seeking assistance with a septic system. Quotes are being split Michigan veteran trust fund. Provided quotes are \$6445.00 and \$7600.00.

GM makes a motion to pay the \$7600.00 to Anderson Digging and Septic to complete the work.

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice Vote 4 Yes, 1 No

Motion Approved

08-22. Widow of veteran is seeking assistance with past due medical bills as well as propane. Currently behind \$3485.55 past medical bills. Propane fill \$366.13.

Committee has determined that this is not an emergent situation. Committee will seek out past tax amount as a possible course of action to assist. Committee will reconsider claim in the future.

10-22. Veteran is seeing a furnace replacement for current home. Lascko has a quote at \$6000.00. Boardwell Mechanical has provided a quote of \$4400 and \$4500.

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DV makes a motion to pay Boardwell Mechanical \$2200 with the expectation that MVTF will pay the remaining half, or that the veteran will pay the remaining half.

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice Vote. 4 Yes, 0 No 1 Abstain

Motion approved.

11-22. Veteran is seeking assistance with car repair bill. Quote from Firestorm is \$2201.98.

?? makes a motion to pay the Firestorm quote.

Motion 2nd by ??

Voice Vote 3 Yes, 1 No

Motion approved.

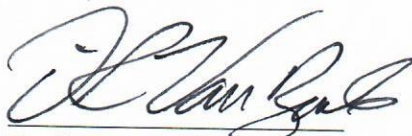
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 by DV.

The next general meeting will be held on March 4th, 2022, in the County Annex Conference Room.

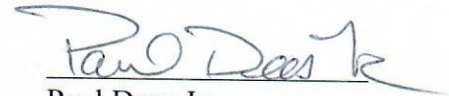
9:00 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

10:30 AM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Derik Van Baale, Ph.D.

Chairman



Paul Dees Jr

Secretary