

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

Business Meeting

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 11:31 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, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer

Members Absent: Gina Mead

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by TB

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice vote, Yes 4 No 0

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The VSO presented the committee with a quote for a new copy/fax/scanner.

Name plates for committee members were received as well as business cards for the VSO.

The VSO is currently able to use the Verta spec system.

The VSO reported that the meet and greet held on February 25th was a well-attended event. Of the veterans that came to the meet and greet, three of them won door prizes. There were also 4 veterans that made office appointments as a result of the event.

Goodwill Industries has made a huge contribution to provide warm sleeping areas for the counties homeless veterans.

The VSO continues to meet with local veteran organizations to build better relationships, this includes VFW members as well as Lighthouse for veterans.

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Budget and Finance Committee

The MVAA grant money has been moved to the salary line.

TB and JL have the MVAA supplemental grant approved for wage request and will be sending that the state.

Community Relations

No report

Personnel Committee

DV has completed that 45 day review with the VSO.

There have been additional veterans coming to the office who are dissatisfied with the work that was done with the previous VSO.

The previous VSO has also been in contact with the office requesting that personal items be returned to her, as well as personal information that was left on government computers. DV made it clear that this is inappropriate behavior and that no committee member should assist the previous VSO with any attempts to gain access to computers or other VSO material.

Policy and Procedures

No report

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

Martha provided the committee with current and upcoming county events and projects.

The county website continues to be an issue with slow progress being made.

There have been four applicants selected for interviews for the county administrator position.

Old Business

TB has found two additional sites for the OCDVA signs to be installed. The committee approved for one of these signs to be installed at the intersection of Polk Rd and 56th Ave.

DV reported that the survey for county veterans is being put together. The committee discussed obtaining gas or grocery cards as an incentive for veterans to complete the survey. TBD.

TB makes a motion to approve \$959.72 for the purchase of the copy/fax/scanner that the VSO provided information on. Motion 2nf by DV

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Voice Vote 4 Yes, 0 No

Motion Approved.

New Business

The committee discussed purchasing gas cards to provide to veterans. There was no motion to provide.

TB makes a motion to dissolve the petty cash that is currently held in the office. The balance of these funds will be returned to the county and placed into a budget line.

The committee SOP/Bylaws were discussed. Members will have an executive on the 18th of March to finalize these and submit to the county.

The office position has been approved by the state for this individual to work no more than 39.5 hours.

RELIEF MEETING

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 12:18 A.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room by Chairman Derik Van Baale.

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

Members Absent: Gina Mead, (GM)

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

There are no new claims for the committee to review. The VSO did provide the committee with an update on the following

Claim 09-22, MVTF will pay \$7600 with OCDVA paying \$7600 for a septic system replacement.

A food voucher for 09-22 was provided in the amount of \$195.00

The MVTF will share the cost for claim 10-22 in the amount of \$2200.00 with OCDVA paying \$2200.

A food voucher was provide for claim 11-22 in the amount of \$200.00

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:46 by DV

The next general meeting will be held on April 1, 2022, in the County Annex Conference Room.

11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:00 AM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Derik Van Baale, Ph.D.
Chairman



Paul Dees Jr
Secretary