

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)  
Relief and Business Meetings  
Meeting Minutes April 1, 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 Vice-Chairman Paul Dees.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:, Tracy Blamer, Jodi Slinkard, Gina Mead, Paul Dees Jr.

Members Absent: Derik Van Baale, Terry Dykema

Guest Present: Brenda Hilderbrandt (Daughters of the American Revolution.

Public Comments: Brenda Hilderbrandt reported that while volunteering she has received a lot of positive feedback from the veteran community.

Martha noted that the current veterans coming into the office seems to be trending higher. Several committee members noted that this uptick in veterans served is mainly due to JS being the new VSO. JS is repairing the reputation of the OCDVA in the county and this appears to be spreading by word of mouth throughout the county.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by TB

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Voice vote, Yes 3 No 0

Correspondence: None

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report**

JS has all her requirements completed for National Certification. Office of General Council is backlogged for finger printing. She will have full access while waiting for this to be completed.

The fax/copy/printer has been approved.

Daughters of the American Revolution has donated 6 \$25 gas cards for the VSO to use.

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Updates to the form 4138 are underway, which will require them to be notarized. Either the VSO or office assistant should become a notary to speed these along.

**Budget and Finance Committee**

Windridge Textiles has contacted TB about an overdue bill from last year. They are re-sending the bill to TB for reconciliation.

**Community Relations**

GM would like to put together an event for veterans and their families. She is looking for activities and has asked the committee for input.

June 11 is the asparagus parade in Hart.

**Personnel Committee**

No report.

**Policy and Procedures**

No report.

**County Commissioners Veterans Liaison**

The county is conducting a feasibility study on the prospect of building a new jail.

The commissioners are entering their second round of interviews for the county administrator position.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

TB would like to open discussion to have JS become a notary. The cost for a standard notary is \$192. A complete notary cost \$287. TB is going to determine if the county will cover this cost.

TB makes a motion to pay up to \$287 for the VSO to become a notary. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by GM

Voice Vote 3 Yes, 0 No Motion approved.

TB makes a motion for the committee to be in the Asparagus parade. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

3 Yes, 0 No Motion approved.

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**RELIEF MEETING**

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 12:30 A.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room by Vice-Chairman Paul Dees.

Roll Call: Gina Mead, (GM) Paul Dees Jr. (PD) Tracy Blamer (TB)

Members Absent: Derik Van Baale (DV), Terry Dykema (TD)

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim #15-22. Veteran is seeking assistance with over due utility bill in the amount of \$624.57.

TB makes a motion to pay the bills at \$624.57.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by GM

Voice vote 3 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Claim # 16-22. Veteran is seeking assistance with past due bills. The total amount is \$2127.89. \$571.89 Great Lakes Energy, \$1556.00 Mercy Emergency.

TB makes a motion to deny this claim.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by PD

Voice Vote. 3 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 by PD.

The next general meeting will be held on May 6th, 2022, in the County Annex Conference Room.

9:00 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

10:30 AM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Paul Dees  
Vice Chairman



Tracy Blamer  
Finance Chair