

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes May 6, 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, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer

Members Absent: Gina Mead

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by DV

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice vote, Yes 4 No 0

Motion Approved

Approval of Prior minutes

Motion 2nd by PD

Motion to accept agenda by DV

Motion Approved

Voice Vote Yes 4, No 0

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The new copy machine is in and working well.

Funding for employment was addressed with MVTF. Lindell was referred to the grant funding that is currently in use. The VSO will continue to work on this.

The VSO was fingerprinted at Battle Creek on May 21. The PIV card should be issued soon.

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Hero's on the Dunes has been problematic with communication.

The food for vets program through Spartan Nash was researched and will not be feasible for the county. This is due to excessive shipping.

On April 7th the VSO met with Melissa Lundie from CMH.

The VSO went to the Pentwater VFW. Three veterans scheduled appointments from this meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee

TB has requested an update for the grants from the state.

Community Relations

No report.

Personnel Committee

DV has placed a note on the OCDVA Facebook page to find veteran owned businesses in the county. This will be used to high light these throughout the county.

DV continues to work on the electronic survey.

Policy and Procedures

TB will present the county commissioners with the new committee by-laws and SOP.

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

A new county administrator has been hired and will start in June.

Martha informed the committee that she will not seek reelection to the county commissioners.

A millage will be placed on the ballot to fund a new jail for the county.

Old Business

All of the OCDVA signs have been installed or are scheduled to be installed. The committee is expecting a bill for concrete and other incidentals.

TD would like to discuss some sort of financial thank you to the volunteers that have been assisting the VSO in the office.

Memorial Day discussion. There will be several celebrations and parades around the county. Currently the committee has no commitments to attend.

An order from shirts was placed with Windridge Textiles that have not been received. TB will follow up to determine when they will be received.

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June 11th is the Asparagus Parade in Hart. PD will be driving and be possibly towing a float.

New Business

A \$25 registration fee for the Oceana County Fair has been motioned by DV.

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion Approved.

Discussion for providing a meal on Memorial Day at the Hart VFW. There were no motions made.

DV opens discussion for volunteer appreciation gift.

TD makes a motion to provide \$150 Visa gift card per volunteer.

Motion 2nd TB

Voice Vote. 4 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Asparagus Parade sub-committee. Members will be GM, PD, and JS.

JS mentioned that the current OCDVA website is through Liquid Web. This site will be done away with and the committee will be given a page on the county website.

RELIEF MEETING

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 12:25 P.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

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 24-22. Veteran is seeking assistance with past due bills. A car payment of \$2148.60, back rent of \$3323.11, cell phone bill of \$87.34, past trash bill of \$61.00 and an insurance bill of \$169.66.

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TD makes a motion to pay the car, phone and insurance bills. This combined will be \$2405.60.

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice Vote, 4 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

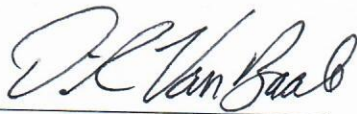
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 by DV.

The next general meeting will be held on June 3, 2022, in the County Annex Conference Room.

11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Derik Van Baale, Ph.D.
Chairman



Paul Dees Jr
Secretary