

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

Members Absent: Terry Dykema, Gina Mead

Guest Present: Martha Meyette (County Commissioner)

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by DV

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

Voice vote, Yes 3 No 0

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes TB

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

Voice Vote Yes, 3 No 0

Motion approved

Correspondence:

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report**

The VSO provided the committee with current information on the PACT Act.

DAR donated \$250.00 to the snack fund and Brenda Hilderbrandt matched that donation. The current balance of the snack fund is \$528.00.

25 Thanksgiving boxes will be distributed on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. This was made possible by a donation from the Oceana County Eagles.

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The VSO has 20 Christmas boxes to distribute. DAR donated the supplies for the boxes.

The VSO will be speaking at the Veterans Memorial Park celebration.

**Budget and Finance Committee**

No report

**Community Relations**

On December 17 Michigan Dunes Chapter (DAR) will be honoring out veterans with National Wreaths Across America Day.

**Personnel Committee**

Annual reports from committee chairs need to be submitted to the Chairman.

**Policy and Procedures**

No report

**County Commissioners Veterans Liaison**

The county budget has been completed.

**Old Business**

There are currently five people signed up for the 5K. TB has reached out to all of the high school cross country teams in the county. The Ladder's in Shelby will also continue to promote the event.

**New Business**

The committee will be exploring the by-laws as it relates to the current amount of committee members. The committee will also be evaluating any proposed members ability to add value to the service of the county veterans, as well as workload and active engagement.

TB makes a motion to approve the CY 23 meeting schedule.

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

Voice Vote 3 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

**RELIEF MEETING**

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

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

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Members Absent: Gina Mead, (GM), Terry Dykema (TD),

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 49-22 the veteran is seeking assistance with vehicle repair. The two quotes are \$3591.22 for a used transmission and \$5240.00 for a new transmission from Deer Road Service.

TB makes a motion to have the repair made with a used transmission for a cost of \$3591.22.

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

Voice Vote 3 Yes 0 No

Motion approved.

Claim # 50-22 Veteran is seeking assistance in replacing two doors to the home.

After discussion there is no motion to take action on this claim.


Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:24 by DV

The next general meeting will be held on December 9th, 2022, in the County Annex Conference Room.

11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Derik Van Baale Chairman



Paul Dees Jr Secretary