

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes January 6 2023

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, Gina Mead, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by GM

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice vote, Yes 5 No 0

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes TB

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice Vote Yes,5 No 0

Motion approved

Correspondence:

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The remainder of the Veterans day 5k swag has been distributed.

Dani is in contact with the Community Foundation of Oceana County and have been added to the contact list.

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The VSO was contacted by the son of Specialist David V. Robertson, who was never presented with his Bronze Star. The VSO has confirmed with the VA that this award does exist and she has the original write up. The son is asking for the medal to be presented to his father.

25 Holiday baskets were provided courtesy of DAR.

Bob Walker donated \$100 to the committee for the purchase of a vehicle.

There were multiple gas cards provided to veterans as well as access to the food pantry.

Budget and Finance Committee

\$100 donation was put into the petty cash and spent on the food pantry.

TB should have the end of year numbers today. Annual report will be completed shortly.

Community Relations

GM provided the committee with a 2022 recap of the year.

Plans on working with local entities on providing veterans DIY projects.

Continues to work with outside companies and individuals to promote the VSO office.

Personnel Committee

All of the annual reviews are complete.

DV will work to complete the annual report in the next week or so. This will be presented to the county commissioners.

Policy and Procedures

TB was approached by the coalition. There will be a collection point in the VSO office for packets of possible committee members.

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

None

Old Business

JS would like to use a notary that is co-located in the office. This would free up time for the VSO. There is currently no charge for JS to use this notary. In the future JS may pursue this.

New Business

Discussion about moving the number of members of the committee from five to seven.

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TB makes the motion the amend the by-laws to increase the amount of committee members from five to seven. This would be submitted to the county commissioners for approval.

Motion 2nd PD

Voice Vote. 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Discussion on a new committee position- coalition and veteran liaison.

TB briefed the committee on the overview of the new position.

GM asked for some clarification on the difference between this seat and the community relations seat.

TD mentioned Kim Loncar.

TB makes a motion to add a coalition/veteran liaison position to the committee.

Motion 2nd DV

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Discussion opened on forming a strategic planning subcommittee.

DV briefed the committee on the plan and purpose of this subcommittee. This will provide the committee with a better road forward to improve the committee's ability to provide service to the county veterans.

Annual elections

PD nominates DV to fill the Chairman chair.

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

TB nominates PD to fill the Vice-Chair/ Secretary

Motion 2nd by GM

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

PD nominates TB to fill the Budget and Finance chair.

Motion 2nd by DV

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

DV nominates GM for Coalition Veteran Affairs Liaison

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

TB nominates DV to fill the Personnel Chair

Motion 2nd by TD

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

DV nominates TB to fill the Community relations chair.

Motion 2nd by PD

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Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

RELIEF MEETING

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 12:26 P.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room by Vice-Chairman Paul Dees Jr.

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

Members Absent: Derik Van Baale (Excused)

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 01-23 Widow of a veteran is seeking assistance in paying past bills.

TB makes a motion to pay the past bills in the amount of \$1598.39. Motion 2nd by GM

Voice Vote 4 Yes, 0 No Motion approved

Claim # 02-23 Veteran is seeking assistance with past due electric and filling propane.

GM makes a motion to pay the electric as well as a propane fill. Motion 2nd by TD

Voice Vote. 3 Yes, 1 No (TB) Motion approved

Claim # 03-23 Veteran request \$134.63 to prevent electric shut off as well as five cords of firewood with a cost of around \$650.00

PD makes a motion to pay the \$134.63 for electric as well as have five cords of wood delivered to the home. This wood will be delivered from the pre-paid vendor with receipt to follow.

Motion 2nd GM

Voice Vote 4 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 by PD.

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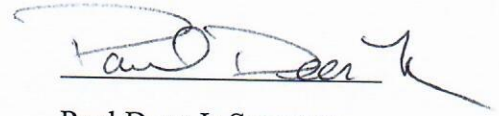
The next general meeting will be held on February 3rd, 2023, in the County Annex Conference Room.

11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting

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Derik Van Baale Chairman

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Paul Dees Jr Secretary