

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes May 5 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, Gina Mead, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer, Kim Tate

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: Darrell Hansen American Legion Shelby, Robert Cramblit

Public Comments: Darrel Hansen spoke to the committee. He is working on a veteran suicide prevention program. The need is a ¼ acre of land that he has not been able to secure as of yet. He is looking for additional suggestions from the committee. Darrell would like to find a piece of land on the main road going through Shelby.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by PD

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice vote, 5 Yes No 0

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes

Motion 2nd by

Voice Vote N/A

Motion approved

Correspondence: Pentwater Township Library has invited the office to their 2nd annual Summer Open House. This event is used to kick off their Summer Reading Program.

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Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

Dani has completed all notary requirements and is ready to go.

The food pantry is being used and is in need of additional donations.

There have been 3-4 veteran walk ins a day at the office.

The Silver Lake VA sign is missing.

The office is currently out of gas cards.

There are 3-5 veterans being driven to appointments.

The Q4 grant was submitted for.

Spring training went very well.

Budget and Finance Committee

Q2 was approved. The Q3 budget will be adjusted for the purchase of a vehicle as well as a wrap for this vehicle.

TB needs the training requirement for the VSO and AA.

Community Relations

The committee will not be able to participate in the Asparagus festival this year.

TB will be approaching Dunham's for a gift certificate. This will be used for a 50/50. She is also seeking a sponsorship from Gear Group.

Personnel Committee

Two additional committee positions were approved by the County commissioners.

Policy and Procedures

Updated by-laws were also approved by the county commissioners.

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

Tracy Becker has resigned from the county administrator office. The county commissioners are currently working through a list of new applicants.

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Old Business

None

New Business

Budget excess. There is currently just over \$17k in the budget. The committee discussed using this money IOT purchase a vehicle to transport veterans to appointments etc.

TB makes a motion to spend up to \$17k to purchase a vehicle. This will be used to transport veterans in the county. This will be coming from the MVAA grant, FY23, line 293.000-834.1.

2nd by DV

Motion

Voice Vote 4 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain.

Motion approved.

DV makes a motion to approve \$300.00 for fuel cards to the volunteer drivers.

Motion 2nd Gm

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 Chairman Derik Van Baale

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

Members Absent: Derik Van Baale

Guest Present:

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 34-23. Veteran is asking to have a wheelchair ramp installed at their home.

No motion was made on this claim.

Claim # 35-23. Veteran is in need of a furnace replacement. The quoted cost is \$6764.00.

No motion was made on this claim.

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Claim # 36-23. Veteran is asking for help on past bills. The total is \$1818.67. This will include gas, internet and insurance.

TB makes a motion to pay the entire \$1818.67.

Motion 2nd by GM

Voice Vote 4 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

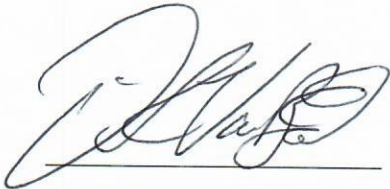
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 by PD.

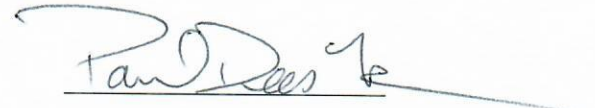
The next general meeting will be held on June 2nd, 2023, in the County Annex Conference Room.

11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Derik Van Baale Chairman



Paul Dees Jr Secretary