

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes September 8 2023

Business Meeting

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 11:32 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, Kim Tate, Ed Dodds, Gina Mead

Members Absent: Bob Crambit-Excused.

Guest Present: Jerry Welcome of Ruby Creek Disabled Veterans Hunt Club.

Public Comments:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

Motion 2nd by TB

Voice vote, Yes 6 No 0

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes

Motion 2nd by ED

Voice Vote 6 Yes, No 0

Motion approved

Correspondence: None

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The vehicle has insurance and plates. Will be used next week IOT to pick up materials for approved claim 53.23

New legislation states only accredited VSO's may file claims with the VA.

A 50.00 fee is now required for National accreditation to remain active.

Veteran camping is happening on Sept 15-17th.

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Senate bill 0176 of 2023 regarding property tax exemption has passed.

Community outreach went well at the county fair. The Apple BBQ fest will be attended on Sept. 9th. October 26-27 will be a free training event in Gaylord sponsored by the MVAA.

Veterans Liaison

No report.

Budget and Finance Committee

FY 24 grant is finalized.

Personnel Committee

No report.

Policy and Procedures

KT has contacted the county on vehicle usage. There is little from the county, the committee will further the subject.

Community Relations

Pine Ridge clay shoot will be donating all funds to the committee.

TB spoke to the Hart mayor and other officials. The city will be hosting a Veterans Day parade next year.

Strategic Planning

The committee is still assessing various buildings in the area.

DV continues to work with the surrounding counties. This coalition will strengthen the committees ability to service the county veterans.

Chair/Vice

No report

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

TB stated that the county is working on budgets etc.

Old Business

Discussion opened on possible guidelines for the van usage. KT has reached out to other counties to see what is typical for this type of asset.

TB will be making a line item for the fuel and other costs of the van.

Discussion closed.

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New Business

Discussion opened on the new committee logo. TB has submitted the logos the committee wanted to model. Currently at a graphic designer for development.

Discussion closed.

DV makes a motion to pay the \$50 for accreditation.

Motion 2nd by GM

Voice Vote 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

Discussion closed.

RELIEF MEETING

Roll Call: Derik Van Baale, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer, Kim Tate, Ed Dodds, Gina Mead

Members Absent: Bob Cramblit

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 57-23- The widow of a veteran is \$500.00 to help pay for medical bills.

TB makes a motion to pay the \$500.00.

Motion 2nd GM

Voice Vote. 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

Claim # 59-23 Veteran is seeking \$2123.75 to pay back taxes as well as \$1000.00 for past utility bills.

After discussion of the claim there was no motion to move forward.

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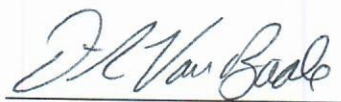
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 by DV.

The next general meeting will be held on October 6th, 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