

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)  
Relief and Business Meetings  
Meeting Minutes February 1, 2024

**Business Meeting**

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room meeting room by Chairperson Tracy Blamer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tracy Blamer, Paul Dees Jr, Ed Dodds, Kim Tate, Ben Kaat

Members Absent: Bob Cramblit excused.

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by ED

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

Voice vote, 5 Yes 0 No

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes PD

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

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

**VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report**

The van is currently being used on a weekly basis.

Dani is updating the committee member list.

A reimbursement has been submitted for the spring training that was attended in April. The amount of this will be \$866.44

The VSO briefed the committee on the indigent veteran line item balance as well as the non-indigent. There has been an increase in peace time veterans coming to the office.

There will be an outreach event on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Hart VFW has donated 1000 to the office for food pantry items and gas cards.

**Strategic Planning**

No report this month.

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**County Commissioners Veterans Liaison**

TB reported that Tracy Blamer provided the county commissions with the annual report.

At this meeting Ben Kaat was approved to serve on the committee.

**Old Business**

The end of the year report was presented to the county commissioners.

**New Business**

Introduction of new committee member Ben Kaat.

A press release will be put together. This will highlight the committee work in the community.

Events calendar for 2024. The county fair, Apple BBQ fest and veterans' day parade were discussed.

There was \$2155 reimbursed to the committee.

KT makes a motion to move these funds into the public outreach line item 293-000-880

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

**RELIEF MEETING**

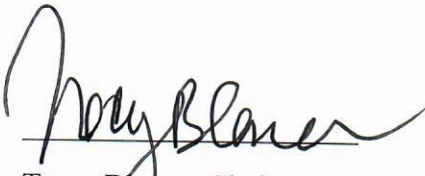
There were no claims this month.

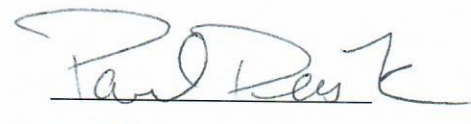
Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 by TB.

The next general meeting will be held on March 7 2024, in the County Annex Conference Room.

1:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

2:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting

  
Tracy Blamer Chairperson

  
Paul Dees Jr Secretary