

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes April 4, 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, Kim Tate, Ben Kaat, Bob Cramblit, Sam Stitt

Members Absent: Ed Dodds (Excused)

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by BK

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice vote, 6 Yes 0 No

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes PD

Motion 2nd by BC

Voice Vote 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

JS has a new PIV card from Battle Creek.

The VSO and AA will be out of the office April 16-19th. There will be volunteers to keep the office open. Also committee members are asked to come in during these hours.

The VSO has space at the American Legion in Hesperia to work out of one day a week. This could be used for a state VSO to operate from to assist in claims.

The office received an invitation to attend the West Michigan USBC Ceremony.

Indigent Veteran line is \$20,695.28 and non-indigent is \$1787.38.

There was a coalition event with CMH, Lake and Manistee County VSO's.

Strategic Planning

TB had a meeting with numerous veteran organizations inside the county. The Veterans Day parade was discussed.

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County Commissioners Veterans Liaison TB reported that there could be some moves within the county. This may open up space for the committee to move into a more appropriate area.

Old Business

The annual report will be submitted to various news agencies in the county for publication.

The millage for the committee was discussed.

TB makes a motion to submit the millage proposal for 2024.

Motion 2nd BC

Voice Vote 6 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

2024 events were discussed by the committee. A list was provided which includes the proposed events to the committee members.

New Business

Welcome to Sam Stitt as a new committee member.

The Veteran Day 5K will sign up will be created online.

KT would like to have an official procedure established for new members. He will create a path for this to happen and present it to the committee in the months meeting.

RELIEF MEETING

There were no claims this month.


Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 by TB.

The next general meeting will be held on May 2 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