

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)  
Relief and Business Meetings  
Meeting Minutes May 2, 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, Ed Doods

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: Jerry Welcome spoke to the committee about upcoming veteran events that his organization is involved in. Jerry also taught the committee about some of financial workings for veterans that are living in the Veterans Home in Grand Rapids.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by BK

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

Voice vote, 7 Yes 0 No

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes N/A

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by

Voice Vote Yes, No

Motion approved

**VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report**

A full page ad was ran in the Oceana Echo with a follow up news article. Sidebar ad was placed with the Oceana Count Press with a follow up news article. Interviews have taken place.

Jodi and Dani attended MACVC sprig training- a grant reimbursement also submitted through MVAA.

Jodi presented voting mileage verbiage to BOC meeting on April 25. This was approved.

The committee also discussed donation boxes that may be placed around the county.

Relief claim 20-24, food pantry and \$100 food voucher.

21-24 included access to the food pantry, food voucher of \$150 and approved SSRF propane in the amount of \$1909.25

22-24 food pantry.

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23-24 SSRF ramp/deck project not to exceed \$5450.

**Strategic Planning**

May 8<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting scheduled with parade stakeholders.

**County Commissioners Veterans Liaison**

TB informed the committee that at this time there are no updates on the office transition.

**Old Business**

The committee discussed the 2024 calendar of events that we will be taking part of.

The Veterans Day 5K online platform has been completed and is up and running.

**New Business**

KT provided the committee with an outline of steps that should be taken when new committee members are approved.

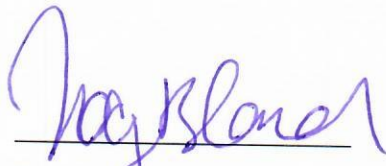
The indigent veteran budget line is currently \$18,736.02. The non-indigent budget line is at \$1,687.59.

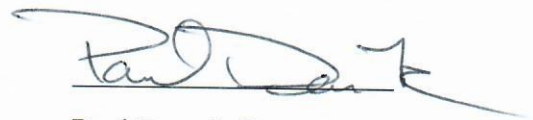
**RELIEF MEETING**

The next general meeting will be held on June 6 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