

WEXFORD COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN – JOE PORTERFIELD
DIRECTOR – KATHY CLINE
VSO – CHARLES SCHMITT

(A) CALL TO ORDER – Meeting call to order December 11th, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. by Joe Porterfield.

(B) ROLL CALL: Gray Taylor, Jack Baughan, Joe Porterfield, Rhonda Workman, Kathy Cline, Greg Schmidt, Charles Schmitt.

(C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood to recite the pledge allegiance

(D) ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

(E) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Rhonda Workman & 2nd by Greg Schmidt to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

(F) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: Motion made by Greg Schmidt & 2nd by Rhonda Workman to approval of November 13th, 2024, minutes meeting. Motion passed.

(G) PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None presented.

(H) PUBLIS COMMENTS: Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. None presented.

(I) AGENDA ITEMS:

(1) Financial/Directors HR Report: Given by Kathy Cline.

(A) Veterans Service Expenditures:

- (a) Office Supplies - \$1,416.11
- (b) Contracted Services - \$44,081.05
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$621.23
- (d) Vehicle Manut. & Operations - \$1,815.80
- (e) Memorial Wall/Expenses -\$(371.57)
- (f) Expo/Expenses - \$231.55

(B) Grant Expenditures:

- (a) Office Supplies - \$1,500.00
- (b) Contracted Services - \$200.00
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$1,308.31
- (d) Veterans Grant Expenses - \$0.00
- (e) Promotional - \$6,660.82
- (f) Veterans Expo -\$(3,228.15)
- (g) New Freedom/Ride - \$2,118.82
- (h) Balance held in Emergency Fund \$44,081.05 as of 11/30/2024

Request authorized for the period ending: 11/30/2024

(2) Directors HR Report for December, 2024: Given by Kathy Cline:

Veterans in office visits-66, logged phone contacts-0, veterans who received emergency assistance-2, Veterans ineligible/denied for emergency assistance-0, and County Burial benefits and letters have been initiated-0, County Burial Benefits ineligible –0. Total expenditures as 11/30/2024 \$84,759.33. Available Balance as of 04/30/2024 \$55,633.43! Total percentage of budget used 58.67%!

Even though the computers and phone were down, we still were able to try to assist 66 veterans. Charles was able to use his laptop and connect with the hot spot we have for our

Outreach program. We eventually got the cell phone with the hot spot which was very helpful. People seemed to understand the dilemma we were in. On Veterans Day, Charles was a guest speaker at the Grand Traverse Pavilions. He was awarded a “special tribute” from Rep Roth and Sen. Damoose. Gary Taylor, Kathy Cline and Rick Charmoli from the Cadillac News, interviewed Rosario Tarantino for an article in the paper. Rosie is a 91-year-old Korean Veteran with never ending stories. He is a ray of sunshine. Motion made by Joe Porterfield & 2nd by Rhona Workman to approve the Financial and Director Report as given for December 11th, 2024. Motion passed.

(3) Operation Discussion:

(a) Wreaths Across America – discussion held. Motion made by Gary Taylor, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to buy 16 Wreaths from The Daughters of the American Revolution for a total of \$272.00 - motion passed.

(a1) Amendment motion on buying of Wreaths! Motion should be Wexford County Veterans Service paid for 60 wreaths NOT 16 for a total of 1,020.00 - motion passed.

(b) Expo has to be done here!

(c) Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

(4) Emergency Assistance: Close Session:

(a) Motion made by Greg Schmidt, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to go into closed session at 3:12 P.M. - Motion passed.

(b) Motion made by Rhonda Workman, 2nd by Greg Schmidt to go back to open session at 3:20 P.M. - Motion passed.

(5) Emergency Assistance: Motion made by Greg Schmidt, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to approve 24-15 emergency assistance. Motion passed.

(J) OLD BUSINESS: Charles Schmitt talked about the cyber-attack – Joe Porterfield reported on it.

(K) COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

(L) CHAIR COMMENTS: Joe Porterfield said thanks to all present about doing a good job.

(M) NEXT MEETING: January 8th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.

(N) ADJOURN: Motion made by Gary Taylor, 2nd by Greg Schmidt to adjourn.

(O) There being no further business to come before the WCVS

Commissioner the meeting was duly closed at 3:36 P.M. Next schedule meeting is January 8th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.!

Joe Porterfield
Chairman

Kathy Cline
Director

Jack Baughan
Secretary

Charles Schmitt
Veterans Service Officers