

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

(A) CALL TO ORDER – Meeting call to order February 12th, 2025, at 3:00 P.M. by Gary Taylor.

(B) ROLL CALL: Gray Taylor, Jack Baughan, Joe Porterfield-excused, Rhonda Workman, Greg Schmidt-excused, 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 Jack Baughan to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

(F) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: Motion made by Rhonda Workman & 2nd by Jack Baughan to approval of January 8th, 2025, minutes meeting. Motion passed.

(G) PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None presented.

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

(I) AGENDA ITEMS:

(1) Financial/Directors HR Report: Given by Charles Schmidt.

(A) Veterans Service Expenditures:

- (a) Office Supplies - \$1,956.31
- (b) Contracted Services - \$48,846.00
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$3,430.00
- (d) Vehicle Manut. & Operations - \$3,500.00
- (e) Memorial Wall/Expenses -\$00.00
- (f) Expo/Expenses - \$2,500.00

(B) Grant Expenditures:

- (a) Office Supplies - \$1,000.00
 - (b) Contracted Services - \$7,200.00
 - (c) Travel & Conferences - \$5,00.00
 - (d) Veterans Grant Expenses - \$0.00
 - (e) Promotional - \$5,000.00
 - (f) Veterans Expo -\$40,100.00
 - (g) New Freedom/Ride - \$9,167.03
 - (h) Balance held in Emergency Fund \$48,846.00 as of 02/06/2025
- Request authorized for the period ending: 01/31/2025

(2) Directors HR Report for February 12th 2025: Given by Charles Schmidt:

Veterans seen in office-68, logged phone contacts-0, veterans who received emergency assistance-0, 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 01/31/2025 \$4,323.10. Available Balance as of 01/31/2025 \$201,925.67! Total percentage of budget used 4.29%! This included one DIC Claim, 11 Service Connected Claims, three appeals, one CHAMPVA Application, six VA Healthcare Applications, 345 Files Reviews. Additionally, we seen 30 Aging (70 or over) Veterans and

five female veterans. Motion made by Rhonda Workman, 2nd by Jack Baughan to approve the Financial and Director Report as given for February 12th, 2025. Motion passed.

(3) Operation Discussion:

(a) GDX report: -FY23 – Comp and Pension – 20,272 (million) - 15,037 (Million) Vocational – 695 (Hundred Thousand) Totals – 36,064 (Million). **Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX) Report – National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics.** (This is a report by County and reflects All action that come from Wexford County, not just what this office does).

(b) Spring Conference: Will be held from 8 - 11 April. Accreditation Training is 21 – 25 April. I recommend the new hire attends the Spring Conference as he/she is eligible to go even without accreditation. This will also better prepare him/her for the Accreditation classes and test.

(c) Transition: Grant training was cancelled as the WCVSC decided to post the Directors position. We will reschedule with the Grant Department when a director is identified. Next Grant report is due on 10 April. There were no issues with the Jan. Grant report. Additionally, the credit card is now in Charles name and will be switched upon the hiring of a Director.

(d) Current issues: No Fax Capability. Possible connectivity assistance will be needed once the other office gets occupied.

(J) Emergency Assistance: None.

(K) OLD BUSINESS: None.

(L) COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

(M) CHAIR COMMENTS: None.

(N) NEXT MEETING: March 12th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.

(O) ADJOURN: Motion made by Rhonda Workman, 2nd by Jack Baughan to adjourn.

(P) There being no further business to come before the WCVS Commissioner the meeting was duly closed at 3:10 P.M. Next schedule meeting is March 12th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.!

Joe Porterfield
Chairman

Director

Jack Baughan
Secretary

Charles Schmitt
Veterans Service Officers