

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

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

(B) ROLL CALL: Gray Taylor, Jack Baughan, Joe Porterfield-excused, Rhonda Workman-excused, 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 Greg Schmidt & 2nd by Jack Baughan to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

(F) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: Motion made by Jack Baughan & 2nd by Greg Schmidt to approval of February 12th, 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 - \$1,912.62
- (b) Contracted Services - \$48,846.00
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$3,362.50
- (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 - \$6,500.00
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$5,000.00
- (d) Veterans Grant Expenses - \$0.00
- (e) Promotional - \$4,500.00
- (f) Veterans Expo -\$40,100.00
- (g) New Freedom/Ride - \$9,167.03
- (h) Balance held in Emergency Fund \$48,846.00 as of 03/07/2025
Request authorized for the period ending: 03/31/2025

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

Veterans seen in office-41, 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 03/07/2025 \$4,002.36. Available Balance as of 03/07/2025 \$198,123.31! Total percentage of budget used 6.10%! We were able to service 41 veterans this month. This included two DIC Claim, eight Service Connected Claims, five appeals, zero CHAMPVA Application, one VA Healthcare Applications, 365 Files Reviews.

Additionally, we seen 18 Aging (70 or over) Veterans and one female veterans. Motion made by Greg Schmidt, 2nd by Jack Baughan to approve the Financial and Director Report as given for March 12th, 2025. Motion passed.

(3) Operation Discussion:

(a) Training: Spring Conference: Will be held from 8 - 11 April. Accreditation Training is 21 – 25 April. We have completed the membership application and conference enrollment for both Chris & Eric. Charles will take them to training and get them going, then come back Wednesday to maintain the office. Accreditation training is still pending and waiting on NACVSO membership that they will need to create prior to signing up for training. This will begin on Monday, 17th March 2025.

(b) Transition: I reached out to MVAA Grant office on 10th March to request on site training for Grant writing and reporting. We received a response today and they have offered to do training on 28th March. Hopefully that will be locked in real soon. Additionally, Sofia will be here on the 17th of March to ensure computer log-in and access are in place for both Chris and Eric.

(c) Current issues: No Fax Capability. Grant application was turned in late and we are still awaiting the Grant deposit. Additionally, it will have to be amend based on the financial award change and new Director. The quarterly report and grant amendment are due on 20th of March 2025.

(J) Emergency Assistance: None.

(K) OLD BUSINESS: None.

(L) COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

(M) CHAIR COMMENTS: None.

(N) NEXT MEETING: April 09th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.

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

(P) There being no further business to come before the WCVS Commissioner the meeting was duly closed at 3:15 P.M. Next schedule meeting is April 09th, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.!

Joe Porterfield
Chairman

Director

Jack Baughan
Secretary

Charles Schmitt
Veterans Service Officers