

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

(A) CALL TO ORDER – Meeting call to order November 13th, 2024, at 3:00 P.M. by Jack Baughan.

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

(F) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: Motion made by Rhonda Workman & 2nd by Gary Taylor to approval of October 9th, 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: Cyber Attack – No report!

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

(A) Veterans Service Expenditures:

- (a) Office Supplies - \$1,560.73
- (b) Contracted Services - \$44,518.32
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$683.73
- (d) Vehicle Manut. & Operations - \$1,930.78
- (e) Memorial Wall/Expenses -\$(301.44)
- (f) Expo/Expenses - \$1,251.55

(B) Grant Expenditures:

- (a) Office Supplies - \$1,500.00
- (b) Contracted Services - \$1,600.00
- (c) Travel & Conferences - \$1,308.31
- (d) Veterans Grant Expenses - \$0.00
- (e) Promotional - \$7,662.82
- (f) Veterans Expo -\$(3,228.51)
- (g) New Freedom/Ride - \$2,659.77
- (h) Balance held in Emergency Fund \$45,518.32 as of 08/31/2024
Request authorized for the period ending: 08/31/2024

(2) Directors HR Report for October, 2024: Given by Jack Baughan:

Veterans in office visits-88, logged phone contacts-0, veterans who received emergency assistance-0, Veterans ineligible/denied for emergency assistance-1, and County Burial benefits and letters have been initiated-1, County Burial Benefits ineligible –0.

Total expenditures as of 09/30/2024 \$113,600.88. Available Balance as of 09/30/2024 \$80,883.75. Total percentage of budget used-60.14% still the same as last month!!!

The office continues to be busy helping veterans and their families. The reporting for the 2024 Grant was approved! Now on to 2025! We will have a billboard going up by Home

Depot on the north end. The New Freedom and our counseling programs continue. We attended a VA town hall at the American Legion. The head person at Saginaw Aleda Lutz Hospital spoke. There were other VA agencies there. And we got to talk about the programs that are offered in Wexford County. We had a training session online from MVAA about Individual Unemployability. Charles taught a class at the Manton Senior Center....Drumming for Veterans. Everybody had a great time. Motion made by Rhonda Workman & 2nd by Gary Taylor to approve the Financial and Director Report as given for November 13th, 2024. Motion passed.

(3) Operation Discussion:

(a) Wreaths Across America – discussion held. Motion made by Gary Taylor, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to buy 60 Wreaths from The Daughters of the American Revolution for a total of \$1,020.00 - motion passed.

(4) Emergency Assistance: Close Session:

(a) Motion made by Gary Taylor, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to go into closed session at 3:10 P.M. - Motion passed.

(b) Motion made by Gary Taylor, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to go back to open session at 3:10 P.M. - Motion passed.

(5) Emergency Assistance: Motion made by Gary Taylor, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to deny 24-09 & 24-10 emergency assistance. Motion passed.

(J) OLD BUSINESS: None.

(K) COMMITTEE COMMENTS: None

(L) CHAIR COMMENTS: Joe stated thank you to Kathy Cline & Charles Schmitt for the help they gave the suicidal veteran.

(M) NEXT MEETING: November 13th, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M.

(N) ADJOURN: Motion made by Rhonda Workman & 2nd by Gary Taylor to adjourn.

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

Commissioner the meeting was duly closed at 3:20 P.M. Next schedule meeting is November 13th, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M.!

Joe Porterfield
Chairman

Kathy Cline
Director

Jack Baughan
Secretary

Charles Schmitt
Veterans Service Officers