

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

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

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

(F) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR: Motion made by Gary Taylor & 2nd by Greg Schmidt to approval of August 14th, 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 - \$1,750.08

(b) Contracted Services - \$45,109.81

(c) Travel & Conferences - \$714.98

(d) Vehicle Manut. & Operations - \$1,980.98

(e) Memorial Wall/Expenses -\$(284.78)

(f) Expo/Expenses - \$00.00

(B) Grant Expenditures:

(a) Office Supplies - \$1,500.00

(b) Contracted Services - \$3,500.00

(c) Travel & Conferences - \$1,308.31

(d) Veterans Grant Expenses - \$0.00

(e) Promotional - \$9,462.82

(f) Veterans Expo -\$833.79

(g) New Freedom/Ride - \$4,758.47

(h) Balance held in Emergency Fund \$45,109.81 as of 08/31/2024

Request authorized for the period ending: 08/31/2024

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

Veterans in office visits-91, 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-2, County Burial Benefits ineligible –0.

Total exoenditures as of 08/31/2024....\$92,136.87. Available Balance as of 08/31/2024...\$96,250

The office continues to be busy helping veterans and their families. On August 3rd we had the Northwest Michigan Military/Veterans Expo. Around 450 people were there and about

60 booths. We had veterans from 23 counties and 4 from out of state. From everything we have heard, it was a big success. A few days later we taught a class at Senior Appreciation Day at the Cadillac High School. The people that attended said they learned a lot from the information we gave them. On the 27th Charles spoke at the Parkinson's Group Meeting at the Veterans Park. We are seeing a rise in Parkinson's in our veterans as well as in the community. As always, Charles attends the meetings each month for the Amvets, American Legion, DAV and V.F.W. Motion made by Rhonda Workman & 2nd by Greg Schmidt to approve the Financial and Director Report as given for September 11th, 2024. Motion passed.

(3) Operation Discussion:

(a) We discussed the wording on our Emergency Assistance forms. It does not state spouses or dependents of the veteran are eligible to apply for Emergency Assistance. We are going to rewrite the packet modeling it after the application for the Michigan Trust Fund.

(4) Emergency Assistance: Close Session:

(a) Motion made by Joe Porterfield 2nd by Gary Taylor to go into closed session at 3:08 P.M. - Motion passed.

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

(5) Emergency Assistance: Motion made by Rhonda Workman, 2nd by Greg Schmidt to approve 24-07 emergency assistance. Approved 3, Opposed 1. Motion passed – to but tires for the applicant.

(J) OLD BUSINESS: None.

(K) COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Kathy again informed them (Gary and Joe) that our by-laws are expired and we need to revise them. I will meet with them in the near future to do so.

(L) CHAIR COMMENTS: Total expenditures as 06/30/2024, \$73,317.21. Available Balance as of 04/30/2024, \$126,294.19. Total percentage of budget used, 37.77%.

(M) NEXT MEETING: September 11th, 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 3:22 P.M. Next schedule meeting is September 11th, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M.!

Joe Porterfield
Chairman

Kathy Cline
Director

Jack Baughan
Secretary

Charles Schmitt
Veterans Service Officers