

# **DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**April 29, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Jim Shogren called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The Veterans Board had a quorum and normal business was conducted.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brooks Partridge, Dr. Frederick Ludwig, Bob Savoie, Jim Shogren

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Damon Lieurance

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Miller

## **Approval of the Agenda**

**It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

## **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

## **Monthly Report**

The office has been open for thirty-six (36) days from March 25, 2025 – April 29, 2025. There were approximately 65 visits to the office during this time. Our office received and placed approximately 300 phone calls during this period. John attended the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors training in Grand Rapids April 7 – April 11. This training was required to maintain accreditation. The training went well. There was a lot to catch up on when returning to the office. John has been doing several home visits to assist homebound veterans or veterans in assisted living. He also conducted his first VBA hearing before a VBA judge today. The hearing went well. All contacts have been reached for the Memorial Day grave flags and some have stopped by to receive their flags. Next year's flag order will need to be increased. The office has been very busy in providing applications for the MVTF. We have only received one back as of this time. The DAV transportation program is going well. Unfortunately, we have not received any applications for the vacant part-time position at this time.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

The committee received and reviewed the March 25, 2025 committee minutes.

**It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the February 25, 2025 minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

## **Burials**

No burial funds were used in April 2025.

**No action needed.**

## **Grave Markers**

No grave marker funds were used in April 2025.

**No action needed.**

### **Food Assistance**

Food assistance of \$150

**No action needed.**

### **MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$1988.05**

- **Advertisement - \$0**
- **Transportation - \$0**
- **Food Assistance - \$150**
- **Emergent Relief - \$1000**
- **Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$838.05**

The committee reviewed the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$1988.05.

**It was moved by Dr. Frederick Ludwig, supported by Robert Savoie, to approve the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$1988.05. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

Approval was requested to move \$12,000 from wages in the MVAA grant to outreach for veterans. The board discussed this measure and wanted to ensure that no funds that were designated for emergent relief would be affected. The requested funds to be moved were for the wages only.

**It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Robert Savoie, to approve the movement of funds within the grant from wages to outreach in the amount of \$12,000. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Date of next committee meeting.**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

**It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Dr. Frederick Ludwig, to have the next meeting take place on May 28, 2025 at 4:00 pm. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Committee Comments**

No Comments


### **Chairman Comments**


No comments

### **Adjourn**

**It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Brooks Partridge to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

  
John Miller, Recorder

  
Jim Shogren, Chairman