

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2024

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Shogren called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Donaghe, John Miller, Cady Bauers

Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Frederick Ludwig, 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-three (33) days from August 27, 2024 – September 30, 2024. There were approximately 34 visits to the office. Our office received and placed approximately 150 phone calls during this period. The administration continued to assist with phone calls due to the required training for new VSO. National VSO accreditation training with NACVSO has been completed and the required paperwork was submitted to the VA Officer of General Counsel (OGC). The office will continue with training working to complete the VA PIV card training. The office reached to and introduced themselves to Post #3 of The American Legion by attending a monthly meeting. The office will continue to reach out to the other veterans organizations in the county.

Approval of the August 27, 2024 Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the August 27, 2024 committee minutes.

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the August 27, 2024 minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

No burial funds used in September 2024.

No action needed.

Grave Markers

No graver marker funds used in September 2024.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

No food assistance funds used in September 2024; all food assistance was provided by MVAA grant assistance.

No action needed.

MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$22259.32

- Advertisement - \$6054.30
- Transportation - \$810
- Food Assistance - \$1378.50 (14 Food Cards)
- Emergent Relief - \$9708.13
- Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$4308.39

The committee reviews the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$22259.32.

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Dr. Frederick Ludwig, to approve the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$22259.32. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Date of next committee meeting.

The committee discussed the next meeting will return to the regular schedule and take place on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 29, 2024.

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on October 29, 2024 at 4:00 pm. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

The committee was happy with the new direction of the office.

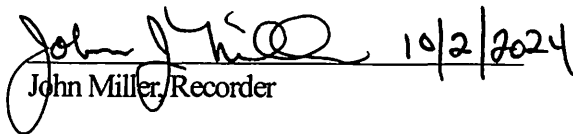
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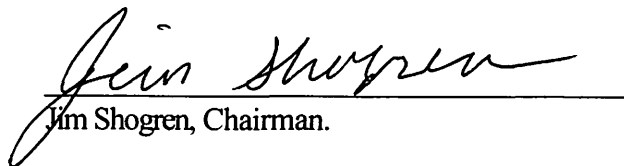
Chairman Shogren stated that the office was off to a good start.

Adjourn

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Dr. Frederick Ludwig to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.


John Miller, Recorder


Jim Shogren, Chairman.