

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, March 25, 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: Melissa Donaghe, 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 twenty-nine (29) days from February 25, 2025 – March 25, 2025. There were approximately 60 visits to the office during this time. Our office received and placed approximately 282 phone calls during this period. The MVAA reduced our CVTF grant \$20,000 last month. The budget adjustments and quarterly report deadline was moved forward by the MVAA from April 10th to March 20th. These reports were completed and submitted on time by Cady and Melissa. Thank you to both of them. John has received cross accreditation with the VFW. Melissa and John attended the 1 Degree of Separation events that took place this month. The events happened at the Coast Guard community center and the Sault Armory. We had a meet and greet table set up at the Armory and the events went well. The events brought a unique perspective to suicide awareness that was well received. We have had Veterans using the MVTF with the assistance of our office with some success. We have a few more that are seeking this emergent assistance that we look forward to helping. Our office continues to oversee the DAV transportation runs to Iron Mountain Medical. This is going well. We have had a new volunteer driver that has submitted their required paperwork. Unfortunately, Melissa has tendered her resignation and her last day will be March 26, 2025. She was very important to the office and played an important role. We thank Melissa for all she has done and contributed.

Approval of the Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the February 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

We had one (1) Burial for March - \$300

Approved

Grave Markers

No grave marker funds were used in March 2025.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

Food assistance of \$50

No action needed.

MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$1789.31

- **Advertisement - \$0**
- **Transportation - \$50**
- **Food Assistance - \$0**
- **Emergent Relief - \$0**
- **Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$1739.31**

The committee reviewed the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$1789.31.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$1789.31. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Robert Savoie, to approve the posting of a part-time Project Director internally for the office. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Date of next committee meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29, 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 April 29, 2025 at 4:00 pm. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

No Comments

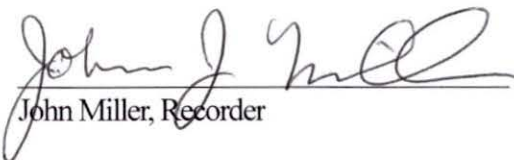
Chairman Comments

No comments

Adjourn

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.


John Miller, Recorder


Jim Shogren, Chairman