

# DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, August 27, 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Frederick Ludwig

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Donaghe, John Miller, Cady Bauers

## Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Jim Shogren, 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-Five (25) days from July 31, 2024 – August 27, 2024. There were approximately 45 visits to the office and 82 phone calls received. While the office on the third floor has only been open part-time administration has been assisting with phone calls and walk-in visits.

## New Hire and Training

The committee was introduced to the new full-time employee, John Miller. Mr. Miller transferred from Mental Health Court and will begin full-time on September 1, 2024. The Committee was also updated on the upcoming trainings for the VSO certifications.

## Approval of the July 30, 2024 Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the July 30, 2024 committee minutes.

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the July 30, 2024 minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

## Burials

No burial funds used in August 2024.

No action needed.

## Grave Markers

No graver marker funds used in August 2024.

No action needed.

### Food Assistance

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

No action needed.

### MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$5575.68

- Advertisement - \$798.70
- Transportation - \$50.00
- Food Assistance - \$98.50
- Emergent Relief - \$3621.24
- Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$1007.24

The committee reviews the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$5575.68.

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$5575.68. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### MVAA Emergent need Policy

The committee reviewed the policy for Emergent Need/Relief for the MVAA grant.

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the policy for the MVAA grant as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### Change of Date to the September 24, 2024 committee meeting.

The committee discussed alternate dates for the September 24, 2024 meeting. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Donaghe will both be in training September 23, 2024 through September 27, 2024. After discussion the date of September 30, 2024 was chosen as an alternate date.

It was moved by Jim Shrogen, supported by Brooks Partridge, to move the September 2024 committee meeting from September 24, 2024 to September 30, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### Committee Comments

The Committee welcomed Mr. Miller to his new position.

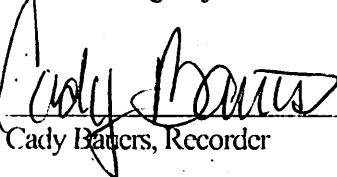
### Chairman Comments

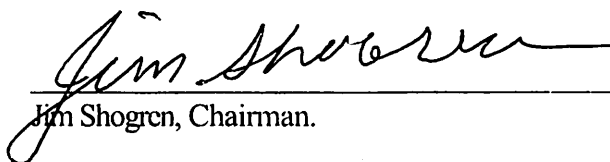
Chairman Shogren recommended the office have copies of "What Every Veteran Should Know" available to veterans who come in for services.

### Adjourn

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

 8/27/24  
Cady Batters, Recorder

  
Jim Shogren, Chairman.