

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2024

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Department of Veteran Affairs Committee was held on Tuesday, October 29, 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

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 October 1, 2024 – October 29, 2024. There were approximately 50 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 a personal matter. John would like to thank the administration and Melissa for their assistance during that time. John has received his accreditation from the Office of General Counsel and Melissa is still waiting. John has applied to receive his PIV card and is wait for the process to clear. Melissa will be applying soon, as she is still waiting on accreditation by OGC. Both Melissa and John have started the process of cross accreditation with various veteran organizations. Operation Green Light for veterans has been approved by the county. The historic Chippewa County Courthouse will illuminate the clock face from November 4th through November 11th (Veterans Day). A press release was sent to local news organizations and veteran's organizations. We are encouraging people and businesses to display a green light in their window or make a porchlight green in honor of veterans. Melissa and John recently gave a presentation to nursing students at L.S.S.U. The event went well and future presentations are planned. The office has events planned for November. Melissa and John will be attending Veterans Day activities throughout the community and will attending veteran organizations monthly meetings.

Approval of the October 1, 2024 Minutes

The committee received and reviewed the October 1, 2024 committee minutes.

It was moved by Bob Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to approve the October 1, 2024 minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Burials

One burial was presented before the board.

A vote was conducted and the approval was 3 votes yes and 1 no vote.

Grave Markers

No graver marker funds used in October 2024.

No action needed.

Food Assistance

Food assistance and transportation totaling \$450; all food assistance was provided by MVAA grant assistance.

No action needed.

MVAA Grant Distributions in the amount of \$1987.67

- **Advertisement - \$0**
- **Transportation - \$200**
- **Food Assistance - \$250**
- **Emergent Relief - \$0**
- **Part-time Compliance Officer/Project Director - \$1537.67**

The committee reviews the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$1987.67.

It was moved by Jim Shogren, supported by Dr. Frederick Ludwig, to approve the MVAA grant distributions in the amount of \$1987.67. 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 November 26, 2024.

It was moved by Robert Savoie, supported by Brooks Partridge, to have the next meeting take place on November 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

Board Member Robert Savoie brought up a concern regarding his position on the CVTF / MVTF. Melissa and John will look into this issue and inform the board of their findings.

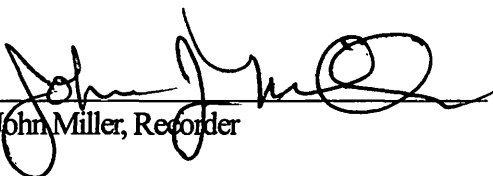
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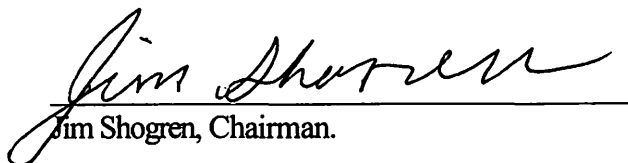
No comments from Chairman Shogren this meeting.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


John Miller, Recorder


Jim Shogren, Chairman.