

Bay County Veteran Affairs

Committee Meeting

Date: Sept. 21, 2021

Subject: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order by the President of the Board , Vaughn Beqick at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Vaughn Beqick, Troy Stewart, Marilyn Lazarz , Mike Pergande and Tim Eckstein. Motion by Stewart 2nd by Pergande to accept the July 2021 Committee Minutes.

Citizens Input

None

Petitions and Communications

None

Service Officer Report:

Kaczmareck Gary Bowersock has completed his job training. Gary is organizing A request for "Relief Procedures".

Kaczmareck VA net income for an indigent veteran is <\$133,000.

Old Business

Pergande The transfer of the volunteer driver schedule will take place once the cell Phone is transferred to Gary, which is imminent.

Jim Adams passed away; He was the POW/MIA Ceremony Leader.

Bay County Military Honor Guard is looking for members, they lost 5 due to Covid.

New Business

Goulet The transfer of the transportation volunteer group from the Vets Council To the Veterans Service Office is waiting on the possible liability to the County for Licensed drivers.

Davis-Johnson; There is a question about the liability to the County (MMRMA) For having licensed drivers. Also we need to know the wording referencing; miles Driven, who drove, and the condition of the vehicle?

Pergande; A "Trip" is there and back not each way, "we have the most spoiled Veteran drivers In the State".

Beqick; how often would we like to meet? Quarterly unless a special meeting?

Lazarz; suggestion for Bimonthly for now and see how it goes, motion made for Bimonthly by Pergande starting now second by Eckstein all in favor, next meeting Is November 16, 2021.

Miscellaneous

Lazarz; what is the definition of Indigent?

Davis-Johnson; Do we use the Federal poverty level or a percent there of. What's the Home Value? Request for utilities? She requests the committee discuss through an Email chain and vote on it. 2021 Family with 1 dependent 200% of poverty is \$25,760.

Pergande; include assets I.E. Federal Government under \$2,000.00 in assets, average The 5 lowest Federal calculations and assets.

Beqick; Healthy Michigan is 133% of the poverty level for medical.

Citizens Input

None

Motion to adjourn by Eckstein, seconded by Lazarz motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. Next meeting is November 16, 2021.