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Apr 8th – Official Minutes

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Open Meeting at 12:00 pm.

1. Call to order by Chair Al Chaney.
2. Roll call: Al Chaney, Susan Whiting, Bob Whittaker, Frank Beek & Roger Stitt.
Rick Landrey & Jack Treppa excused.

Director: A.J. Welser

Liaison: Kyle Yoder

Members of public: none are present.

3. Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance
4. Frank/Bob: motion to **accept agenda** with changes, motion passes 5 – 0.
5. Frank/Roger: motion to **accept Minutes** changes, motion passes 5 – 0.
6. Review Per Diem sheets.
7. Liaison's Report: Kyle compares the space available at the new govt building vs. the Chamber of Commerce. The C of C building is a better choice for the Veterans office. Next, briefly noted that the Veterans Memorial relocation is a good thing to do. BOCs will require some basic drawing plans and text to consider a motion for relocation.
8. Guests: No one this month.
9. Roger/Susan: motion to accept expense statements.
Roll call for accepting expense statements. Al – yes, Roger – yes, Bob – yes, Frank – yes, and Susan - yes. Motion passes 5 – 0.

10. Frank/Sue: motion to accept driver's trip report.
Roll call for accepting expense statements. Al – yes, Roger – yes, Bob – yes, Frank – yes, and Susan - yes. Motion passes 5 – 0.
11. Frank/Bob: motion to accept Director's Report, motion passes 5 – 0.
12. Correspondence: Received newsletter from Jack Bergman regarding the problems with travel re-imbusement.
13. Under Old Business: Frank reviews memorial options.
14. Under New Business – Frank/Al: motion to accept the county clerk's offer to relocate the veteran's office at the Chamber of Commerce. Motion passes 5 – 0.
 - a. Property taxes foreclosure request presented to the board and accepted. Roll call for paying property taxes. Al – yes, Rick – yes, Bob – yes, Frank – yes, and Susan - yes. Motion passes 5 – 0.
 - b. Director informs the board that an expensive mistake was made regarding burial expenses. The fix was to change the form that highlights actual burial expense to the clerk. Change immediately implemented and Lashley Funeral Home was notified of the document change. No motions made.
15. For the good of the order. The director notes that a homeless veteran is living in Luzerne under a tent at the Luzerne Express camp ground. Veteran has no vehicle and no phone. VSO has filed for claims to the VA that will raise his income level.
16. Public comments: no comments
17. Frank/Al: motion to adjourn meeting, motion passes 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 13:05 pm.

Next meeting on May 13th 2021.

Richard Landry, Chairman
Oscoda County Board of Veterans Affairs

Al Chaney, Co-chair
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