

## Dept. of Veterans Affairs

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## $Jan \; 12^{th} - \frac{Official}{Minutes}$

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## Open Meeting at 12:00 pm

- 1. Call to order by Chair Rick Landry.
- 2. Roll call: Bob Whittaker, Al Chaney, Susan Whiting, Rick Landry, Frank Beek, Roger Stitt.

Director: A.J. Welser

Liaison: Liaison is Jackie Bondar

Members of public: one person

- 3. Invocation Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Al/Frank: motion to **accept agenda**, motion passes 6 0.
- 5. Frank/Al: motion to **accept Minutes,** motion passes 6 0.
- 6. Review Per Diem sheets.
- 7. Liaison's Report: New sheriff's office finalized to 8,000 sq ft. Bulk of the money for construction costs to come from ARPA funds and Tribal money. Final building plans are in limbo.
- 8. Guests (appointments): no one this month
- 9. Sue/Bob: motion to accept Director's Report, motion passes 6 0.
- 10. Al/Roger: motion to accept expense statements (including the voucher log, case files & burial logs).

Roll call for accepting expense statements. Al – yes, Rick – yes, Frank – yes, Bob -yes, and Susan – yes, & Roger – yes. Motion passes 6 - 0.

- Al/Roger: motion to accept trips reports.
  Roll call for accepting trip report. Al yes, Rick yes, Frank yes, Bob -yes, and Susan yes, and Roger yes. Motion passes 6 0.
- 12. Al/Roger: motion to accept director's synopsis, passes 6 0.
- 13. Correspondence: Received email document regarding the Jan 2023 rollout of the PACT Act into law by president on Aug 10, 2022. Some veterans are calling about it.
- 14. Under Old Business: nothing new on the memorial
- 15. Under New Business: 1) Mileage is changing from .685 per mile to .655 per mile. 2) received a donation of \$2500.00. Donor was specific that it is used for helping veterans. 3) Veteran Outreach. Our county leaders are not interested in pursuing it (Roscommon has a liaison). 4) election of officers: Frank motioned to keep the current slate of candidates as is. Rick chair. Al vice chair. Susan secretary. Motion passes 6 0.
- 16. For the good of the order.
- 17. Public comments: no comments.
- 18. Al/Frank: motion to adjourned meeting, motion passes 6 0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Next meeting on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Richard Landry, Chairman Oscoda County Board of Veterans Affairs Al Chaney, Co-chair Oscoda County Board of Veterans Affairs