



# Dept. of Veterans Affairs

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February 8<sup>th</sup> – Official Minutes

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## Open Meeting at 11:55 am

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

Director: A.J. Welsler

Liaison: yes

Members of public: Michele Knapp.

3. Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance
4. Frank/Bob: motion to **accept agenda**, motion passes 7 – 0.
5. Bob/Al: motion to **accept minutes**, motion passes 7 – 0.
6. Review Per Diem sheets.
7. Liaison's Report: 1) BOCs to vote (Feb 27<sup>th</sup> meeting) on new building for the veterans' office. 2) Tim Whiting handed preliminary drawings of the building layout.
8. Guests (appointments): Tim Whiting
9. Frank/Al: motion made to accept Director's Report. Motion passes 7 – 0.
10. Al/Frank: motion to accept expense statements (including the voucher log, case files, trip report & burial logs).

11. **Roll call for accepting expense statements.** Bob Whittaker, Al Chaney, Rick Landry & Frank Beek, Susan Whiting, Dennis Cooper. Motion passes 7 – 0.
12. Correspondence: nothing this month
13. Under Old Business: 1) Memorial update: \$8000 in the bank.
14. Under New Business: 1) Al/Bob: Motion to have the director do a food voucher survey for 3 months to determine actual number of veterans in need of a food voucher (low income). Motion passes 7 – 0.  
2) Reviewing the financials, Michele Knapp advise the board to wait until after March County audit before changing the dollar amounts.  
3) Benefit dinner for the drivers has been rescheduled from January to April 13<sup>th</sup> to ensure consistent weather. Dinner to be held at the Lewiston Lodge. Motion made to pay for the dinner. Bob Whittaker, Al Chaney, Rick Landry & Frank Beek, Susan Whiting, Dennis Cooper. Motion passes 7 – 0.
15. For the good of the order. Nothing at this time.
16. Public comments: no comments.
17. Sue/Frank: motion to adjourn meeting, motion passes 7 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Next meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2024.

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Richard Landry, Chairman  
Oscoda County Board of Veterans Affairs

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Al Chaney, Co-chair  
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