

Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board

Official Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 12, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Veterans Affairs Office, 205 E. 11th St., Mio, Michigan 48647. The meeting was open to the public.

A. Call to order: The regular meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Al Chaney.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was recited.

C. Roll Call of Board Members:

Roll Call: Al Chaney, Rick Landry, Rich Hoffman, Brandon Anderson, Jeremiah Sutton, Tim Whiting.

Members Absent: Roger Stitt

Liaison Present: Commissioner Breaugh

Other: Lilly Klatt, Michelle Knepp, Vanessa Neff

Public Present: 2

D. Approval of Agenda:

Whiting/Anderson

2026-105

motion to approve the agenda for March 12, 2026, as presented during the Veterans Affairs Board Regular Meeting.

6 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

E. Approval of Minutes:

Whiting/Anderson

2026-106

motion to approve minutes of the February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented during the Veterans Affairs Board Regular Meeting.

6 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

F. Liaison's Report, Commissioner Breaugh:

The Liaison reported that county facility repairs are ongoing.

G. Financial:

Hoffman/Anderson

2026-107

motion to approve the financial report for February 2026, as presented during the Veterans Affairs Board Regular Meeting.

6 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

H. Program Report:

The Program & Office Manager provided a summary of program activity for the month.

Updates included progress toward establishing a Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Committee, recent staff training and upcoming conference attendance, and an overview of activity within the Transportation, Veterans Emergency Relief (VER), and Recreation & Wellness programs.

Upcoming Coffee Socials include May 19, 2026, featuring Angela Linseman, Community Engagement Partnership Coordinator with VA Suicide Prevention, and June 16, 2026, featuring Laura Nowak, My HealtheVet representative.

I. Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee: Monthly audits were completed and found to be in good order.

2. Millage Committee: Recommendation to maintain the current millage rate of 0.3333 mills with no changes.
3. Events Committee: The Committee provided the following updates:
 - a. The next Coffee Social is scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., featuring NADA five-point ear acupuncture with Jessyca (Neff) Livingston.
 - b. The Vietnam War Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony will be held indoors on March 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
 - c. The Annual Open House will be expanded to a two-day event, including July 3, 2026, at the Comins fireworks event and July 4, 2026, during the Mio parade with a table at the Veterans Affairs office.

J. Old/Unfinished Business:

a. Service Flags – Project Update:

An update was provided on the service flag project, including current pricing and remaining items needed. Adjustments are being made to remain within the approved budget, including pursuing donation of certain components.

Hoffman/Sutton motion to increase the service flag project budget to \$500.

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Roll Call Vote: Landry, yes; Chaney, yes; Hoffman, yes; Anderson, yes; Whiting, yes; Sutton, yes. **Motion Carried.**

K. New Business:

1. Herald Advertising – Digital Marketing Proposal Presentation:

A representative from the Oscoda County Herald presented a digital marketing proposal for consideration upon expiration of the current advertising contract. This item was presented for informational purposes only. No action was taken.

L. Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes per person):

A representative from the Oscoda County Conservation District requested to be placed on a future agenda to discuss potential partnership opportunities.

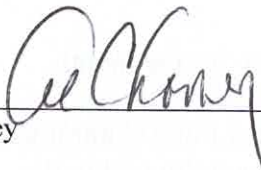
M. Adjournment:

Landry/Whiting motion to adjourn today's meeting at 10:43 AM.

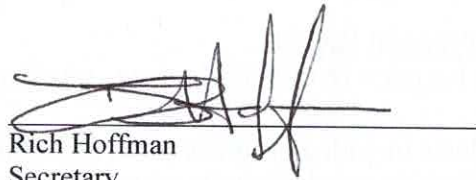
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6 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried**

The next Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Veterans Affairs Office.



Al Chaney
Chair
Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board



Rich Hoffman
Secretary
Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board