

Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board

Unofficial Minutes – Pending Approval

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board was held on Thursday, April 9, 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, Roger Stitt

Members Absent: Tim Whiting

Liaison Present: Commissioner Breough

Other: Lilly Klatt, Michelle Knepp, Vanessa Neff, Mike Hadden

Public Present: 0

D. Approval of Agenda:

An item was added under New Business for CVSF Grant – Letter of Intent Authorization.

Landry/Sutton

motion to approve the agenda for April 9, 2026, as amended.

2026-110

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

E. Approval of Minutes:

Hoffman/Stitt

motion to approve minutes of the March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting.

2026-111

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

F. Liaison's Report, Commissioner Breough:

An update was provided regarding a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners and the upcoming millage timeline.

G. Financial:

Anderson/Stitt

motion to approve the financial report for March 2026, as presented.

2026-112

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

H. Program Report:

The Program & Office Manager reported that overall veteran contact levels remain steady. Transportation services have increased, with improved scheduling leading to greater efficiency and reduced wait times. Veterans Emergency Relief activity continues within expected limits, and Recreation & Wellness programming remains active with strong participation, particularly during daytime events. Recent events showed increased attendance and engagement, and available resource inventory remains sufficient.

I. Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee: Monthly audits remain up to date and in good standing.

2. Donation Committee: Outreach efforts are temporarily paused and will resume later in the year. Guardian Lights remain available with expanded eligibility planned.
3. Events Committee: Updates were provided on upcoming events and program activities.
 - The next Coffee Social will feature a VA Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator with a safety-focused outreach presentation, and a June Coffee Social will include a My HealthVet representative.
 - A grave marker dedication is scheduled for April 16, 2026.
 - Ongoing planning continues for future events, including the Future Service Member Recognition, Memorial Day observance, and Annual Open House.
 - New outreach efforts include participation in the Northern Strike 5K with a limited number of sponsored registrations, and coordination with Roscommon County Veterans Affairs for the Mackinac Bridge Walk, which will include transportation and a limited number of seats available to veterans and their families.
 - It was also reported that DVNF (Disabled Veterans National Foundation) comfort kits have been received and will be distributed during the Annual Open House.

J. Old/Unfinished Business:

None.

K. New Business:

1. Herald Advertising

Hoffman/Sutton

2026-113

motion to approve entering into a digital advertising contract with Herald Advertising using the Social+ package at \$250.00 per month for a 12-month term.

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

2. Helping Hands for Heroes

Anderson/Stitt

2026-114

motion to adopt the Helping Hands for Heroes Volunteer Deployment Program Policy as presented.

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

3. County-Wide Mailing Trifold Flyer

Hoffman/Anderson

2026-115

motion to approve the trifold flyer for county-wide distribution as presented, with revisions to update imagery.

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

4. Radio Advertising Opportunities

Information was presented and discussed. No action was taken.

5. CVSF Grant – Letter of Intent Authorization

Hoffman/Anderson

2026-116

motion to request that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners authorize the Veterans Affairs Office to submit a Letter of Intent for the FY27 County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) Grant and authorize the Board of Commissioners Chair to sign on the County's behalf.

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

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

No public comments.

M. Adjournment:

Hoffman/Landry

motion to adjourn today's meeting at 10:42 AM.

2026-117

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

The next Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Veterans Affairs Board will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Veterans Affairs Office.

