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November 16th – 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, Roger Stitt, Dennis Cooper. Rick Landry & Frank Beek excused.

Director: A.J. Welsler

Liaison: yes

Members of public: Bob Chalker

3. Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roger/Al: motion to **accept agenda**, motion passes 5 – 0.
5. Sue/Roger: motion to **accept Minutes**, motion passes 6 – 0.
6. Review Per Diem sheets.
7. Liaison's Report: 1) Construction on sheriff's building started. COA is accepting non-gender items for Christmas. The Center will be closed from Dec 22 to Jan 2, 2024. Meals on wheels will continue.
8. Misc items: Next report will include "wait time" report. All of the drivers have gotten their W-9s and understand how the process works. 2) MVAA has a conference in Gaylord for most the states Service Officers. At this time only Roscommon and Oscoda did not attend the conference. 3) Memorial update: black marble set in place (delivered from Georgia). Rick Landry has donated \$5,000 to the memorial. There is currently a balance of \$7,789 in

the Memorial fund account 4) Money from the Travel account needs to be transferred to the Contract Services account (806 number).

9. Guests (appointments): None

10. No motion made to accept Director's Report. Notes unclear.

11. Bob/Al: motion to accept expense statements (including the voucher log, case files, trip report & burial logs).

Roll call for accepting expense statements. Al – yes, Roger – yes, Bob -yes, and Susan – yes, and Dennis – yes. Motion passes 5 – 0.

12. Correspondence: nothing this month

13. Under Old Business: 1) nothing written up

14. Under New Business: 1) Case #11.06.2023 (mortgage request) has been discussed and approved by the board. The final vote to approve is 3 – 2. 2) Case #11.16.2023 (rent assistance) has been discussed approved. 2) it should be noted that in both approvals that the veterans are made aware that due to the amount of money approved that this grant should be considered as a “one-time gift”. Future grants of this type will not be allowed.

14. For the good of the order. Nothing at this time.

15. Public comments: no comments.

16. Frank/Al: motion to adjourn meeting, motion passes 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next meeting on December 14th 2023.

Richard Landry, Chairman
Oscoda County Board of Veterans Affairs

Al Chaney, Co-chair
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