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October 18th – Official Minutes

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Open Meeting at 12:00 pm

Note: due to the director being sick the board meeting was re-scheduled for October 18th.

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

Director: A.J. Welsler

Liaison: yes

Members of public: Bob Chalker

3. Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance
4. Al/Roger: motion to **accept agenda**, motion passes 7 – 0.
5. Al/Sue: motion to **accept Minutes**, motion passes 7 – 0.
6. Review Per Diem sheets.
7. Liaison's Report: 1) Senior Center asking for donations for Christmas gifts. 2) Getting a quote for a new kitchen at the (at the Wild Life Plaza), currently a kitchen does not exist. 3) Investigating how much millage money will be necessary to cover the new building purchase. 4) Determining possibility of owning property next to the Veterans Memorial. 5) Looking into "gas cards" for drivers due to "wait time".
8. Guests (appointments): None

9. Al/Roger: motion to accept Director's Report, motion passes 7 – 0.
10. Bob/Roger: motion to accept expense statements (including the voucher log, case files, trip report & burial logs).
Roll call for accepting expense statements. Al – yes, Rick – yes, Roger – yes, Bob -yes, and Susan – yes, Frank – yes. Motion passes 7 – 0.
11. Correspondence: nothing this month
12. Under Old Business: 1) For the memorial park bank account, we have \$6,873.30. 2) Mailers: Rick to meet with the postmaster on Tuesday to finalize the route. He notes that the mailers will be expensive.
13. Under New Business: 1) An error was found on the financial report regarding how the \$2,500 donation was handled. The \$2,500 donation should be zeroed out and added into the "veterans' relief". This has been corrected. 2) Granite material has been graciously donated by a veteran to be placed at the veteran's memorial park. 3) two new POW flags have been ordered, 2 new American flags 4 x 6 polyester material. 4) Board will look into taking the drivers out for dinner in appreciation of their good work. 5) The director notes that budget review for 2024 is due for October. No motions made at this time.
14. For the good of the order: 1) Sept 15th is POW/MIA Remembrance Day. 2) Amy (Herald) is having the paper do a special on the memorial park.
15. Public comments: no comments.
16. Al/Sue: motion to adjourn meeting, motion passes 7 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next meeting on November 9th 2023.

Richard Landry, Chairman
Oscoda County Board of Veterans Affairs

Al Chaney, Co-chair
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