



# Dept. of Veterans Affairs

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September 14<sup>th</sup> – ~~Official Minutes~~

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## Open Meeting at 12:00 pm

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 (who showed up within 10 minutes of the meeting).

Director: A.J. Welser

Liaison: yes

Members of public: Michelle Knepp, Ryan Sanderson

3. Invocation - Pledge of Allegiance
4. Bob/Roger: motion to **accept agenda**, motion passes 7 – 0.
5. Frank/Bob: motion to **accept Minutes**, motion passes 7 – 0.
6. Review Per Diem sheets.
7. Liaison's Report: sheriff's building update
8. Guests (appointments): Michelle Knepp
9. Frank/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) Al Chaney notes the cost of the fence on the North side of the park to be \$2080 for 80 feet of fence. 2) We are paying ½ for concrete pad (\$1650.00). 3) For the memorial park bank account, we have \$10,593.24. 4) Mailers: Rick to meet with the postmaster on Tuesday to finalize the route.

13. Under New Business: 1) Questions raised about paying the drivers to wait for veterans at the approved clinic visits. Board unanimously approved to pay drivers for wait time starting at \$16 an hour starting after 3 hours waiting. Roll call for allowing drivers to wait on veterans. Al – yes, Rick – yes, Roger – yes, Bob -yes, and Susan – yes, Frank – yes, Dennis Cooper. Motion passes 7 – 0.

2) Gaylord is sponsoring a Veterans Benefit Fair November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

3) The director will be at the Fall Conference Training at Tawas next week (Thursday & Friday). The Mio office will be covered by board members for those two days.

14. For the good of the order: 1) Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 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/Roger: motion to adjourn meeting, motion passes 7 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Next meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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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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