

Bay County Veteran Affairs

Committee Meeting

Date: January 16, 2024

Subject: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order by the Director of the Bay County Veterans Affairs, Matt Beaver at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Vaughn Begick, Troy Stewart, Tim Eckstein, Van Digby, and Jon Vantol. Motion (2024-1) by Stewart 2nd by Eckstein to accept the December 2023 Special Committee Minutes, all in favor.

Stewart made a motion (2024-2) for Matt Beaver to hold the Veterans Affairs Committee 2024 elections, seconded by Vantol, all in favor.

Eckstein nominated Motion (2024-3) Vaughn Begick for Chairman, second by Van Digby, no other nominees, unanimous vote yes. Motion passes.

Van Digby nominated Motion (2024-4) Jon Vantol for Vice Chairman, second by Eckstein, no other nominees, unanimous vote yes. Motion passes.

Begick nominated Motion (2024-5) Troy Stewart for Secretary, second by Eckstein, no other nominees, unanimous vote yes. Motion passes.

Vantol nominated Motion (2024-6) Tim Eckstein for Sergeant of Arms, second by Stewart, no other nominees, unanimous vote yes. Motion passes.

Motion (2024-7) by Stewart second by Vantol to return to regular business. Motion Passes.

Citizens Input:

None

Petitions and Communications:

None

Service Officer report:

Kaczmarek discussed the Quarterly Stats referring to the 4th quarter report. Motion (2024-8) by Stewart to accept second by Van Digby, all in favor. Motion passes.

Old Business:

Begick, Bay Veteran Transportation now has 5 drivers, running 4 days a week M-T, no Fridays.

Miscellaneous:

None

New Business-

Kaczmarek, We have been approved to apply for the FY 2025 State Grant. The 2024 Grant was approximately \$24,000, this grant is mainly used for office staff wages. \$50,000 was borrowed from the mileage, then reimbursed.

Beaver, We used the 2024 budget, we moved monies for the \$3,500 veteran furnace Job, then reimbursed the fund.

Begick, Representative Daly says the amount of money for a veteran to be considered indigent is in the works to be changed from the 1899 amount.

Digby, The Bay Vets Council New Treasurer is Van Digby.

Begick, The flags on the West side of the river, who takes them down and repost them? Eckstein, Mike Burke? The St. Pats parade will have the Veterans In the lead car with The PLAV, Digby, The Veterans should be right behind the flags.

Begick, There is a funeral this Saturday for Veteran Danks, there will be a ceremony of life on Friday, Danks had 3 tours in Vietnam, it will be held at the Skorupski Funeral Home in Hampton Township.

Citizens Input-

Motion (2024-9) to adjourn by Eckstein, 2nd by Digby, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.