

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

Minutes: March 14, 2018

Veterans Affairs Committee meeting called to order by Veterans Affairs Committee Chair, Sam Gray at 2:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

• Chair	Sam Gray	Present
• Vice-Chair	George “Rob” Beam	Present
• Secretary	Trena Philo	Present
• Committee Member	Charles Baker	Excused Absence
• Committee Member	Ronald Cady	Present

Calhoun County Veterans Affairs:

• Director	Aaron Edlefson	Present
• Service Officer	Kristina Higgins	Excused Absence
• Service Officer	M. Luann Cape	Present
• Administrative Assistant	Heidi Case	Present

Agenda Changes:

- Director Edlefson noted there are no changes to the agenda, but the format has changed.

Citizens Time:

- None.

Correspondence:

- None.

Old Business:

- Director Edlefson presented the new Bylaws of the Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee. He cited the changes made and Committee members discussed.
 - Vice-Chair Beam motioned to accept the Bylaws as given. Secretary Philo seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

New Business:

- None.

Administrative Update:

- Director Edlefson shared that a grant was awarded by the State of Michigan to cover the cost for the MACVC Spring Conference.
- Director Edlefson mentioned some upcoming events:
 - Battle Creek Coalition for Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation will have the following meetings: April 21st and May 19th at the Burma Center in Springfield from 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
 - Senior Fair will be held on April 5th at the Marshall Middle School from 10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
 - A retirement party will be held at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center for the Medical Center Director, Dr. Mary Beth Skupien in Building 6 on March 28th, from 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
 - March 29th, there will be a Vietnam Veterans Day celebration at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center in Building 6 at 10:30 A.M.
- Chair Gray mentioned that Habitat for Humanity will be doing a ramp build for a veteran this month.
- Director Edlefson shared information on Smart 911, an information service tied in to 911.

Veterans Relief Fund Applications:

Applicant 18-020

Consumers: \$1,261.73

Semco: \$181.85

Decision: Both denied

Applicant 18-021

Work boots: \$100.00

Decision: Approved

Applicant 18-022

Rent: \$234.56

Consumers: \$84.90

Decision: Both approved

Applicant 18-023

Rent: \$3,170.00

Dues: \$383.00

Decision: Rent denied, dues approved

Applicant 18-025

Rent: \$1,425.00

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-026

Consumers: \$3,357.12

Decision: Denied

Applicant 18-027

Consumers: \$204.32

Gas: \$207.45

Internet: \$88.95

Dish: \$134.96

Credit Card \$174.00

Credit Card \$324.00

Credit Card \$235.00

Decision: Consumers and gas were approved, all others were denied

Applicant 18-028

Rent: \$473.00

Consumers: \$145.62

Decision: Both approved

Applicant 18-029

Rent: \$50.00

Decision: Approved

Minutes from February 14, 2018:

- Secretary Philo motioned to accept the minutes as given. Mr. Cady seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion approved.

Good of the Committee:

- Chair Gray spoke about possible collaborations with Habitat for Humanity.

Adjournment:

- Secretary Philo made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Cady seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:06 P.M.

Sam Gray, Chair
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee

Aaron D. Edlefson, Director
Calhoun County Veterans Affairs