

Bay County Veteran Affairs

Committee Meeting

Date: December 13, 2022

Subject: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order by the President of the Board, Vaughn Begick at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Vaughn Begick, Mike Pergande, Troy Stewart, Marilyn Lazarz, and Tim Eckstein. Motion by Stewart 2nd by Eckstein to accept the October 2022 Committee Minutes, all in favor.

Citizens Input

Mark Smith stated that the food pantry was a big success this year.

Paul Desander from the Department of Defense talked about employer support for both the Guard and Reserves for all services. He said he will be speaking during the commissioners meeting.

Petitions and Communications: None

Service Officer report:

Kaczmarek discussed the process for getting grant funding, Pergande made a motion to accept the proposal with Lazarz seconding, all in favor.

Kaczmarek brought forward a mortgage assist request. The request is from a veteran that is \$6,171.79 behind in his mortgage (6 months). Barcia, there is a \$3,000 cap from County to help with hardship, Pergande asked where we are at with our fund balance. we currently bring in between \$200,00 – \$300,000 each year. The question was asked If he went to other sources to help with the cost, however at this time of year most of The agencies are out of money. Kaczmarek stated that this individual was in a true “time of need”, coming from a reliable source. Pergande stated this is exactly what this money is there for and made the motion to pay the \$6,171.79, second by Stewart, all In favor.

Kaczmarek, The Veterans financial advice for the Great Lakes Bay Veterans coalition meets at the Bay City armory. The Regional Veterans coordinating body is trying to organize this with Midland and Saginaw, Mark is one of the individuals trying to make this happen.

Old Business

Begick, The engraver that we were going to contract with to engrave Thomas Yuill's name on the county marker fell through due to the vendor form requirement. We are still in need of an engraver to engrave the wall plaque. Eckstein stated that knew someone from his church that may have a contact.

Pergande brought up the need for County Memorial Day service, not to take away from the individual unit services, just having one main service at one location. He also stated that a list of phone numbers needs to be available so that people can check to see where and when services will take place. Paul Desander reiterated that a County Memorial Day event would be different than a VSO Memorial Day event. Begick, We could have one big event at the County building. Stewart will get with John Dyweese of the Bay Veterans Council to get their thoughts on the matter.

Miscellaneous- None

New Business

Begick, we have one name turned in for Lazarz' committee seat that will be vacate at The end of the year, the nomination is veteran Van Digby. Pergande made a motion to accept Mr. Digby as our new committee member, second By Lazarz, all in favor. Digby will join the committee at the end of the year.

Begick, read a certificate of appreciation to recognize Marilyn Lazarz for her service to the veterans of Bay County while on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Citizens Input- None

Motion to adjourn by Pergande, 2nd by Lazarz, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm.