

**Bay County Veteran Affairs
Committee Meeting**

Date: May 16, 2023

Subject: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order by the acting President Mike Pergande at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Mike Pergande, Troy Stewart, Tim Eckstein, and Van Digby. Motion (2023-14) by Stewart by 2nd by Eckstein to accept the March 2023 Committee Minutes, all in favor.

Citizens Input: None

Petitions and Communications: None

Service Officer report:

Kaczmarek: Handed out a Veterans report for Bay County dated 2010 – 2022, with population and expenditure stats. We are still operating under the 1899 law whereas. The veteran in need can receive up to \$10.00 in aid. Suggestions are to waive the waiting requirement and increase the limit to \$300.00 vice \$10.00. This would put us in the 140% poverty level category. Current relief includes Gift cards up to 4 times in a 365-day period, Veteran only can receive a \$50.00 card and a \$25.00 fuel card. A veteran with a family can receive a \$100.00 card along with the \$25.00 fuel card.

Old Business (Memorial Day)

Transportation update from Gary Bowersock: A replacement is needed for Stan. We have a new volunteer driver named Patrick. Once these replacements are up to speed we plan to get back to the Monday through Thursday driving schedule.

New Business- None

Miscellaneous- There will be a VA resource fair held at the American Legion Post 18 on June 14th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Pergande: Can we put this on the County Web page. Kaczmarek: This time is also for any veterans that have VA questions.

Citizens Input- None

Motion (2023-15) to adjourn by Digby, 2nd by Eckstein, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.