

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE

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MEMBERS

Michael Shadbolt, Aaron Ricketts, Samantha Tubbs, John Saxton
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MEETING LOCATION

Minutes: Friday, June 14, 2024

I. Call to Order

Chairman Shadbolt called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Attendance: Executive Committee Members- Chairman Shadbolt, Ricketts, Tubbs and Saxton. Staff Sheldon, Veterans Service Director; Ruple. Deputy Veterans Service Director were present. Liaison Terry Collins, County Commissioner excused.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion Initiated by Saxton, second by Tubbs and motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: May 10, 2024

Motion Initiated by Tubbs, second by Saxton and motion carried.

IV. Approval of Bills

A. Executive Committee Per Diem Pay

Executive Committee per diem pay of \$160.00 (\$40.00 x 4).

B. County Burials

County burials for the June meeting: None

V. Reports - Veterans Affairs

A. Report of Department Activities

VSD Sheldon reported on the department's activities and VA Expenditures 2023.

B. Meetings and Occurrence Reports

VSD Sheldon and DVSD Ruple reported they attended a very informative NACVSO Conference held in Denver, CO May 12-17 where they listened to many speakers throughout the week learning about veteran's benefits. It was a great opportunity to network with other County VSO's from all over the US. A discussion was held concerning the Denver VA Claims Clinic

that was conducted during our national conference in the adjoining rooms. VSD Sheldon reported that she attended a virtual CVSF grant application technical assistance training session on May 21 for the general overview for the fiscal 2025 grant year. DVSD Ruple reported on the May 22 virtual Michigan Governors Challenge virtual meeting. DVSD Ruple reported on the May 22 Virtual Ruck March Meeting. DVSD Ruple reported on the May 23 in-person Reconnecting Home Advisory Committee Meeting held at Housing Help of Lenawee in Adrian. DVSD Ruple reported that he attended the May 29 virtual Lenawee County Veterans Treatment Court meeting. VSD Sheldon reported that she attended the May 30 United Veterans Council meeting held at the American Legion Post #97 in Adrian. VSD Sheldon reported that she attended and presented at the Every Door is the Right Door event held on June 7 here in the Human Services Building. DVSD Ruple commented that he attended the virtual Veteran's by Name Homeless meeting on June 13. VSD Sheldon reported that since returning from the national conference, she has been working daily on some type of grant report, being reimbursement expense reports covered by the grant, amending the FY24 grant year with adjustments and setting-up the FY25 grant budget with all its project expenses and trying to obtain estimates. Our FY25 grant budget is \$105,984. VSD Sheldon says she has an appointment this afternoon to go over the FY24 grant amendment and the FY25 grant request with Administrator Murphy, the new Finance Director and the County Auditor.

VI. Existing Business

No Existing Business for the month of May.

VII. New Business

A. Staffing

VSD Sheldon reported that Lenawee County Veterans Affairs office is in the process of looking to fill the Veterans Relief Service Officer position.

VIII. Commissioner's County Updates

No county occurrence report or county current events reports.

IX. Veterans Relief Fund

A. Review of VRF and PRF Applications

VSD Sheldon reported there had been (0) zero VRF applications since last meeting and (0) zero PRF applications since last meeting.

B. VetFuel Program

DVSD Ruple reported that there were (5) Veterans that received Vet Fuel gift cards totaling \$250.00 since the last meeting.

C. Meijer Food Voucher Program

DVSD Ruple reported that there had been (1) one veteran that received Meijer gift card totaling \$50.00 since the last meeting.

X. Partner Comments

A. MVTF Updates from Shadbolt

Chairman Shadbolt reported the MVTF had (0) zero cases to review with none from Lenawee since the last meeting.

XI. Public Comment

DVSD Ruple reported that the DAV Van is at the Ford Dealership for repairs, and there is no time frame for completion. The Ann Arbor VAMC has given us a loaner vehicle to use while the DAV Van is waiting for repairs.

XII. Adjournment

*Motion initiated by Ricketts, second by Tubbs and motioned carried.
The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.*