

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, September 13, 2024

I. Call to Order

Chairman Shadbolt called the meeting to at 10:00 a.m.

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

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda: September 13, 2024

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

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2024

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

IV. Approval of Bills

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

A. Executive Committee Per Diem Pay

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

B. County Burials

County burials totaling zero.

V. Reports - Veterans Affairs

A. Service Officer's Report

VSD Sheldon reported on the department's activities.

B. Meetings and Occurrence Reports

Business Related Meetings and Occurrence Reports: DVSD Ruple reported that he attended the August 12 virtual Lenawee County Veterans Coalition meeting. DVSD Ruple and VRSO Eschedor commented that they attended the August 13 Lenawee COC virtual meeting. VSD Sheldon reported that the staff had accounts payable training with Paul the morning of August 14. DVSD Ruple reported that he attended the August 14 and 28 Lenawee County Veterans Treatment Court virtual meeting. DVSD Ruple reported that he attended the virtual August 15 LCVC Ruck to Remember meeting. VSD Sheldon and DVSD Ruple reported that they attended the August 15 virtual OPA brief to the NACVSO membership meeting. VSD Sheldon and DVSD Ruple reported on August 16, a virtual meeting with MVAA Director Love and Steffany Muirhead about a kiosk station requesting to be purchased with our FY25 CVSF grant. VSD Sheldon and DVSD Ruple reported on the August 20 LCVC American Legion 34 Pact Act event in-person Tecumseh they attended. VSD Sheldon, DVSD Ruple, and VRSO Eschedor commented on attending the August 24 IDIDIT Car Show in Tecumseh for outreach. DVSD Ruple commented on the August 27, virtual Housing Help of Lenawee Reconnecting Home Advisory Committee meeting. VSD Sheldon, DVSD Ruple, and VRSO Eschedor commented on attending the MACVC Fall Conference September 4-6 held at Gaylord Tree Top Resort. VSD Sheldon, DVSD Ruple, and VRSO Eschedor reported on attending an in-person September 11 BOC meeting at the old courthouse for the Proclamation Veterans National Suicide Prevention Month presentation. VRSO Eschedor reports on attending the September 12 virtual meeting COC Homeless Veterans By Name meeting. DVSD Ruple reported he participated this morning, September 13, in the WLEN radio community spotlight to discuss the September 22 Ruck to Remember event.

VI. Existing Business

Chairman Shadbolt commented that he signed the nomination for appointment to the Executive Committee letters that will be mailed out to each veteran's post in Lenawee County later this month. Committee member Tubbs also mentioned that December 31, 2024 will be the end of her last term on this committee.

VII. New Business

No New Business for the month of September.

VIII. Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Collins gave a county occurrence report and discussed county current events.

IX. Veterans Relief Fund

A. Review of VRF and PRF Applications

VRSO Eschedor reported there had been (2) two VRF applications since last meeting and (0) zero PRF applications since last meeting.

B. VetFuel Program

VRSO Eschedor reported that there were (13) Veterans that received Vet Fuel gift cards totaling \$ 1,250.00

C. Meijer Food Voucher Program

VRSO Eschedor reported that there were (11) Veterans that received Meijer gift cards totaling \$950.00 since last meeting.

X. Partner Comments

A. MVTF Updates from Shadbolt

Chairman Shadbolt reported the MVTF reviewed (11) applications with 1 from Lenawee over the last two months.

XI. Public Comment

No public comments.

XII. Adjournment

Motion initiated by Ricketts, second by Tubbs and motioned carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.