

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2650 LaFranier Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686
Public Services Building

Thursday, June 27, 2019 @ 8:00 AM

BOARD MEETING

Minutes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE / CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Leelanau County Representative Alan Aldrich, John Block, Robert “Art” Eisner, Ron Hofmeister, County Commissioner Gordie LaPointe, Rachael Sherman, Mollie Sourek

Staff: Michael Roof, Erin Whitney

Absent: Bill Fowle, Neal Horning

Guests: Veterans Coalition President John Lefler

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

Motion to approve agenda – Sourek

Seconded – Hofmeister

Approved unanimously

COMMISSIONER REPORT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No questions/discussion

Motion to approve minutes from May 23, 2019 – Hofmeister

Seconded – Sherman

Approved unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Roof stated that the budget is still looking good, though the IT expenses are high because faulty computers were upgraded. Roof will likely have Finance move funds from Contingency Fund into IT budget.

Motion to approve financial reports– Hofmeister

Seconded – Sherman

Approved unanimously

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Roof reported there were numerous outreach events attended last month, and the higher office visits overall are likely the result of increased outreach. He stated the new office is painted, the desk installed and décor hung, only needing desktop computer set up for veterans to use to print necessary documents. NMCAA homeless veterans outreach coordinator to use office 2-3 days/week, and Roof said he is in discussion with other organizations to see if they are interested in utilizing space as well. Roof reported that all VSOs attended the national training in Ohio last month to maintain accreditation, and that veterans treatment court is moving forward. LaPointe requested Roof include the VSO activity tracking spreadsheets monthly instead of quarterly. Roof clarified for LaPointe the eligibility criteria for emergency assistance programs.

Motion to approve director's report – Hofmeister

Seconded – Sourek

Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Roof reported he is the mentor coordinator for veterans treatment court, and will be responsible for interviewing/training veterans interested in being mentors for individuals going through veterans treatment court. Roof requested approval to attend training in Maryland in mid-July.

Motion to approve request for Roof to attend MD training – Block

Seconded – Hofmeister

Approved unanimously

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve adjournment – Hofmeister

Seconded – Sourek

Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 AM

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