

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2014

Community Outreach Building

Meeting was on December 9, 2013 and started at 7:00 with Board President Rich Joslin presiding and leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members Rich Joslin, Jim Cox, and John Davis were present

Employees Tammy Anderson, Steven Kreitzer, and Linda Drake were present

There were 17 members in attendance

Introductions of new members and guest:

Travis Petrie – DeKalb VFW Post 2287

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Boorsma made the motion that the minutes should be approved and it was seconded by Gene Ege. Rich Joslin took a vote and the passed unanimously.

Finance Report:

John Davis stated that there was no change and the balance was still \$1,786.00

Motion to accept was made by Mike Boorsma and seconded by Bob Bend. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

None

Superintendents Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month the commission helped 34 veterans with food, 24 with shelter, and 19 with utilities. There were 33 veterans transported in 24 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped veterans collect \$8,391.42 in monthly benefits and \$59,301.33 in retroactive benefits. The monthly bills totaled \$25,127.05 and Rich Joslin asked if there was a motion to pay the bills. There was some discussion about how high the gas prices were and Tammy Anderson said she would look into it and report back next month. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the superintendents report and pay the bills and Randy Smith seconded. There was no further discussion and vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Tammy Anderson also reported that we have been able to recover more money for veterans than ever before going all the way back to the offices inception. She also commented that we still have December and could possibly exceed 1 million dollars brought into the county this year.

Randy Smith also asked about what happens now that we will be under budget this year with the balance.

Tammy Anderson explained that it went into our restricted fund balance that we can pull from at a later date.

Since there was some question on how the county invested that money Herb Holderman (Retired Superintendent) explained that they invest it into CD's so the money is not in risky investments with the possibility of loss.

Public Relations

Frank Beierlotzer explained about, Freezing For Food, as a great organization to help the needy and we might think about donating to it next year. Frank said he would remind us when the date is closer next year.

Tammy Anderson also wanted to let everyone know that the office will be giving out food baskets to those veterans on our general assistance program. This helps them to have a nice Christmas meal and is organized by the Sycamore VFW and its Auxiliary.

Tammy Anderson also wanted to let everyone know that the DeKalb Fire Fighters union that raised money to give a disabled veteran's a car had money left over. So they selected 5 veteran families to go on a shopping spree at Target with Santa.

There have also been a lot of people calling and wanting to adopt a veteran family in need this Christmas.

Unfinished Business

1. Bills were voted on under the superintendent's report to be paid.
2. Doll House Progress – Tammy Anderson stated that people have been asking about the doll houses and the for sale signs are up but no takes yet.
3. Elections – Rich Joslin asked if there were any more nominations for any positions.

Herb Holderman nominated Tim Timmer for Vice President and he accepted

A silent ballot was taken and Rich Joslin, President, and Tammy Anderson, Superintendent, tallied the votes. The results were as follows:

President – James Cox

Vice President – Tim Timmer

Secretary – Steven Kreitzer

Treasurer – John Davis

Directors – Bob Bend and Randy Smith

The newly elected board will take over at the January meeting.

New Business

1. Tammy Anderson brought up and handed out the new meeting schedule for 2014. Mike Boorsma made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and Bob Bend seconded. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously.

For The Good Of The Commission

None

Adjourn

Motion by Mike Boorsma to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Randy Smith with no discussion

Meeting closed at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted - Steven Kreitzer - Secretary



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2013
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Office	39
Outstation	0
Phone	15
VA Pension	6
VA Education	4
VA Healthcare	7
VA Compensation	12
VA Other	16

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$8,775.38	\$102,779.14	\$111,554.52
To Date	\$96,021.80	\$917,699.47	\$1,013,721.27

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$14,077.47
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$613.38
Salaries & Benefits	\$12,824.91
Training & Meetings	\$0.00
Office Expenses	\$520.19
Public Relations	\$26.71
Total	\$28,062.66

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Food	32	\$2,050.00
Shelter	27	\$7,550.00
Utilities <i>2,000 9,500</i>	18	\$1,206.39
Other (2 CDL/Moving/ Diff Aldi)	3	\$3,037.08
Drivers Per Diem		\$234.00
Total	80	\$14,077.47

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	16	
Transported	17	
Miles	2630	
Fuel (gallon)	165.00	
Fuel Cost		\$465.30
Maintenance (1 I Pass / 2 Cell Phones)		\$148.08
Total		\$613.38

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
2013 BUDGET	100%	\$536,600.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-77%	-\$411,113.57
EXPEDITURES	-5%	-\$28,062.66
BALANCE	18%	\$97,423.77

Restricted Fund Balance

\$421,743.46

JANUARY 2014

<u>TOWNS</u>	<u>SHELTER</u>	<u>UTILITIES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>
<u>CORTLAND</u>	\$450.00 (1)	0	0	1
<u>DEKALB</u>	\$3250.00 (11)	\$126.58 (3)	\$100.00 (1)	20
<u>FAIRDALE</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>GENOA</u>	\$250.00 (1)	\$160.00 (2)	0	1
<u>HINCKLEY</u>	\$250.00 (1)	\$80.00 (1)	0	1
<u>KINGSTON</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>KIRKLAND</u>	\$250.00 (1)	\$78.43(1)	0	0
<u>MALTA</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>SANDWICH</u>	\$700.00 (4)	\$146.68 (2)	0	0
<u>SHABBONA</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>SOMONAUK</u>	\$250.00 (1)	0	0	0
<u>SYCAMORE</u>	\$1500.00 (6)	\$184.13 (3)		7
<u>TOTALS</u>	\$6900.00	\$775.82	\$100.00	30

DRIVERS PER DIEM = \$360.00

TOTAL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2014 = \$7,775.82



Veterans Assistance Commission

Attendance for the General Meeting on Monday, JANUARY 13, 2014

Title	Name	Present Y/N	Organization	Delegate/ Alternate	Present Y/N	
President	James Cox	Y	American Legion	D: Randy Smith	Y	
Vice-President	Tim Timmer	Y		Post #66 DeKalb	A: Dan Gallagher	
Secretary	Steve Kreitzer	Y		Post #99 Sycamore	D: Tim Timmer	Y
Treasurer	John Davis	Y			A: Gene Ege	Y
Superintendent	Tammy Anderson	Y		Post #181 Sandwich	D: George Murphy	
Service Officer	Linda Drake	N			A: Rick Felstead	
Service Officer	Steven Kreitzer	Y		Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin	Y
Service Officer	Luz Maria Gilkey	Y			A: Herb Holderman	Y
				Post #598 Hinckley	D:	
				A:		
			Post #654 Waterman	D: James Cox	Y	
				A: Bob Bend	Y	
			Post # ⁷⁷² 143 Somonauk	D: Roger Wiley	Y	
				A:		
			Post #1010 Kingston	D: Dan Gallagher		
				A:		
			40 et 8 Voiture 207	D: Frank Beierlotzer		
				A: Joe Newby		
			Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb County	D: Stefan Kristan		
				A: Joe Chavez		
			AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D: Steve Marberry		
				A: Michael Boorsma	Y	

Organization	Delegate/ Alternate	Present Y/N
Veterans of Foreign Wars		
Post #1486 Sandwich	D: Stefan Skopek	
	A:	
Post# 2287 DeKalb	D: Travis Petrie	Y
	A: Rick Cliffe	
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Steve Walz	Y
	A: Steven Kreitzer	Y
Post #8387 Genoa	D:	
	A:	
DeKalb County VietNow	D: John Davis	Y
	A:	

SIGN IN FOR DCVAC MEETING
JANUARY 13th, 2014

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DRIVER OR PASSINGER</u> (CIRCLE ONE)
1.	Regel K. Wiley	772 Am Legion	<input checked="" type="radio"/> D/P
2.	Steven Kreitzer	DCVAC/VFW 5768	<input type="radio"/> D/P
3.	Gene Ege	Am Legion Post 99	<input type="radio"/> D/P
4.	RICH JOSEPH	AL 337	<input type="radio"/> D/P
5.	Travis Petrie	VFW 2287	<input type="radio"/> D/P
6.	Luz Maria Gilkey	DCVAC	<input type="radio"/> D/P
7.	STEVE WALL	WFW 5768	<input type="radio"/> D/P
8.	Herb Holdeman	Grant Legion	<input type="radio"/> D/P
9.	GEORGE MURPHY	AM LEG 181	<input type="radio"/> D/P
10.	JOHN DAVIS	VIETNOW	<input type="radio"/> D/P
11.	ROBERT BEND	A.L 654	<input type="radio"/> D/P
12.	RANDY SMITH	AL #66	<input type="radio"/> D/P
13.	Tim Timmer	AL 99	<input type="radio"/> D/P
14.	TAMMAY ANDERSON	DCVAC	<input type="radio"/> D/P
15.	MICHAEL BOORSMA	Am Vets	<input type="radio"/> D/P
16.	James M	Post 664	<input type="radio"/> D/P
17.			<input type="radio"/> D/P
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19.			<input type="radio"/> D/P
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