

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE**

**12 FEBRUARY 2022**

**MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VA & R COMMITTEE HELD AT CROWN PLAZA LANSING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TONY LICARI VICE CHAIRMAN AT 1:00PM.**

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DON HOWARD AND TOM SHEPPARD SECRETARY EXCUSED, ELIZABETH CUDDINGTON FILL IN FOR SECRETARY, ALFONSE VAN HESE, GARY BORDEUA, BOB GILLETTE, JOHN PERRY AND EX-OFFICIO DEPARTMENT V A & R DIRECTOR GARY EASTERLING.**

**LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT, 18, ENOUGH FOR A QUOREM.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY GARY BORDEAU AND SUPPORTED BY BOB GILLETTE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN VA & R COMMITTEE BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**GUEST TIM POXSON UPDATED ON THE CURRENT PENDING ISSUES GOING ON WITH THE LEGISTRATION AND THE PROPERTY TAX BILL.**

**REPORTS:**

**VA& R DIRECTOR GARY EASTERLING DISCUSSED THE GRANT FOR THE VSO'S AND THAT IT IS SIGNED.**

**THERE HAVE BEEN 5 NEW HIRES AND LOOKING AT POSSIBLE 2 MORE.**

**THERE WILL BE A MAKE UP ZONE PSO TRAINING AND HEADQUARTER IN LANSING MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FROM 9AM TO 3PM.**

**DIRECTOR EASTERLING HAD A MEETING WITH SAGINAW COUNTY AND THEY WANT TO WORK ON A CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR THEIR COUNTY. THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT FILING FOR THE GRANT WITH MVAA TO PAY AMERICAN LEGION FOR A PART TIME 5 DAYS WEEK 4 HOURS A DAY SERVICE OFFICER. FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED.**

**HIGGINS LAKE IS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>, MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GOING OUT WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**VAVS/VHVS CHAIRMAN GERALD DENNIS REPORTED STATUS OF VAMC'S AND VOLUNTEERS. ALL REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. THERE IS STILL AN OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITION FOR THE SAGINAW VAMC.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

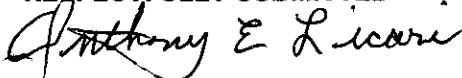
**NO OLD BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE, IT WAS MOVED BY BOB GILLETTE AND SUPPORTED BY JOHN PERRY THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 2:00PM. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**



**TONY LICARI**

**VICE CHAIRMAN**

**VA & R COMITTEE**

PLEASE SIGN

GUESTS

Name	Post#	City
Russell Bayliss	514	IDA
Robert Wallin	122	Wolverine
Thomas Kaiser	255	Lansing
AL Kozlowski	396	GREENSBORO
Tim Poxson	238	HOHT
LONNIE BENNETT	354	MPSN HIGHTS
Shannon Wawruck	25/18 <sup>th</sup>	Oakland County
Courtney Thurber	28	Grand Haven
MARK KACZMAREK	18	Bay City.
TRIPP CANTWELL	225	LANSING
Gene Nethaway	502	ELSI
ED DRAPCZYK	426	TRENTON
Alishan Dell	350	ELK Rapids
Frank Locke	253	ROYAL OAK

Garrett Veikel 28 Grand Haven

B. Louglos 337 Flat Rock

Mark Sutton 32 Livonia

JERRY DENNIS 459 Grand Rapids