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October 12, 2022

Gratiot County Veterans Committee
Ithaca, Michigan

RE: Minutes, Gratiot County Veterans Committee Meeting August 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Gratiot County Veterans Committee was held Thursday, August 18th, 2022, at the Gratiot County Courthouse Commissioners Room, Ithaca, Michigan, complying with current Michigan Department of Health guidelines. For members unable or prefer not to attend in person remote zoom was available. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Aplin at 1507 hours. Roll call was held with Autumn Leonard, Brandon Simmet, Terry Barnaby, and Ken Davis present; Gary Hoffer was on his way to attend (arrived at 1515). Also present was GCDVA Director Nancy Bozzer.

The meeting minutes of June 16th, 2022 and proposed agenda were unanimously approved. Motioned by Ken Davis, 2nd by Terry Barnaby.

Prior to meeting, Chairman Tim Aplin thanked members of the meeting for taking time out of their day to attend.

Director's Report

Director presented the Soldier and Sailors Relief Fund had a remaining \$1200.95 left. Director explained when the fund was originally set up by former Director Rodolfo Diaz-Pons, it was intended for only food. We were notified that other counties use their fund for multiple uses. Director Nancy has since re-written the policy to include everything, no limitations. There has been 80%-85% scanned electronically, completed, now waiting for the last paper files regarding closed claims. The Social media report update showed Instagram is slower but is gaining speed. Member Brandon Simmet mentioned a lot of reflux help for food following Nancy's comment on struggling to be able to get rid of Meijer food cards.

The finances were approved with no questions or concerns.

Old Business

The Historical Case in the Courthouse Rotunda is continuing improvements with expansion and has started the building of the new case. There has been a coffee table added to the area that also was painted with the American flag. All of which cost \$0.

The Heroes Center had their second meeting on August 18th, 2022, as well. The Executive Director position is open, and we are trying to get the word out to fill that position by word of mouth. The American Legion has also approved to use their building. The center has raised/committed \$225K, but they also have a lot of grant options.

Grand Opening and Open House has been postponed to Early 2023. There was a section in the Gratiot County Herald published regarding the ARP Fund.

"Duty, Honor, Country"

Members Ken Davis and Gary Hoffer were Approved by Board of Commissioners at their July 5, 2022 meeting. Motion by Terry Barnaby, 2nd by Autumn Leonard to accept continuing membership of Ken Davis and Gary Hoffer for four-year terms from August 1, 2022, thru July 31, 2026. Motion passed.

New Business:

The Gratiot County Fair for Youth left Nancy and Ken less than impressed. The location of the tent was not ideal. On Saturday from 1- 3 pm there was only 1 person to come through. Member Ken Davis stated to have the fair committee board guarantee a better spot for next year or not go. Member Gary Hoffer and Ken Davis both know someone on the board and will mention this change and the importance of location.

The FY23 Meeting schedule dates were handed out and explained it is per fiscal year instead of Calendar year. April's meeting may change but waiting on confirmation of the dates for the Michigan VSO Training Conference.

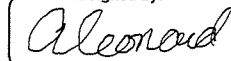
Ken Davis thanked Nancy for all the work she has been putting in, Chairman Tim Aplin agreed and expressed his appreciation.

Director Nancy Bozzer explained potential job growth and opportunities for collaboration between Gratiot County DVA and the Heroes Center's Executive Director.

The next scheduled GCDVA meeting will be at 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 20th, 2022. Motion to adjourn by Ken Davis, 2nd by Gary Hoffer. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1552 hours.

Respectfully,

DocuSigned by:



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Autumn Leonard, Secretary

Gratiot County Veterans Affairs Committee



Director's Report

FY22	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
CVSO Action	13	10	9	
Client Actions	46	42	56	
Awaiting VA Decision	26	32	35	
Awaiting BVA Decision	27	35	34	
Total Open Claims	112	119	134	
New Claims	32	19	17	



Director's Report

FY22	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Closed Claims	17	32*	35*	
Personal Interviews/ File Reviews/Stat Check	943	620	1468	
Support Services**	19	17	15	
Self Service	3	3	3	
Out-Reach	1	4	23	
Social Media FB /INSTAGRAM	Avg 1500 / 1 per Month	Avg 1940 / 2 per week	82% Growth Rate/22% Engagement Rate	

* 18 Approvals – 8 Denials – 9 N/A

** MVTF / Soldiers/Sailors Relief Fund/CBB/CHAMPVA/Health Benefits/COE



Director's Report

FY22	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
MVTF	\$250	4/\$7590	1/\$1597	
Soldiers/Sailors Relief Fund	\$150	2/\$200	2/\$249	
County Burial Benefit	\$300	3/\$900	1/\$450	
Grant Relief Fund (VEAP)	\$102	4/\$1655	1/\$475	
Elk's Gift Cards	\$300	9/\$325	0/\$0	
Meijer Food Program	\$100	2/\$100	0/\$0	
Food 4 Vets	\$0	\$0	1/\$50	
Total	\$1202	\$10,770	\$2821	



Director's Report

GDX FY21	MI	Gratiot	Isabella	Montcalm
Veteran Population	554,281	2,258/.4%	3,388/.6%	4,169/.7%
Total Expenditures	\$4,913,175	\$26,903/.5%	\$29,298/.6%	\$36,342/.7%
Compensation/Pension	\$2,571,842	\$15,263/.59%	\$14,495/.56%	\$23,408/.91%
Medical Care	\$2,101,409	\$10,856/.51%	\$13,085/.62%	\$11,437/.54%
Education/Voc Rehab	\$176,351	\$681	\$1473	\$1,345
Insurance / Indemnities	\$34,190	\$104	\$245	\$152
GDX- Gratiot County	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Veteran Population	2,449	2,371	2,296	2,314
Total Expenditures	\$19,909	\$19,645	\$23,559	\$26,194
Compensation/Pension	\$12,075	\$11,235	\$13,270	\$15,648
Medical Care	\$7,041	\$7,728	\$9,370	\$9,562

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR GRATIOT COUNTY

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 07/31/2022 INCREASE (DECREASE)	YTD BALANCE 07/31/2022 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	AVAILABLE BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	% BDT USED
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND						
Revenues						
Dept 682 - VETERANS COUNSELOR						
101-682-681.00	REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE	0.00	0.00	1,011.73	(1,011.73)	100.00
Total Dept 682 - VETERANS COUNSELOR		0.00	0.00	1,011.73	(1,011.73)	100.00
TOTAL REVENUES						
		0.00	0.00	1,011.73	(1,011.73)	100.00
Expenditures						
Dept 681 - SOLDIERS BURIAL						
101-681-833.00	BURIAL	3,600.00	0.00	1,350.00	2,250.00	37.50
101-681-974.00	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$10000 +)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 681 - SOLDIERS BURIAL		3,600.00	0.00	1,350.00	2,250.00	37.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						
		3,600.00	0.00	1,350.00	2,250.00	37.50
Dept 682 - VETERANS COUNSELOR						
101-682-702.00	DEPARTMENT HEADS SALARY	15,211.00	1,208.77	12,201.89	3,009.11	80.22
101-682-703.00	SALARIES & WAGES	45,947.00	3,569.60	37,162.54	8,784.46	80.88
101-682-703.10	PER DIEM	1,800.00	0.00	1,200.00	600.00	66.67
101-682-704.10	SUPPLEMENTAL PAY	1,539.00	0.00	0.00	1,539.00	0.00
101-682-712.00	LONG-TERM DISABILITY	219.00	17.00	171.26	47.74	78.20
101-682-715.00	SOCIAL SECURITY	3,820.00	294.69	3,064.20	755.80	80.21
101-682-715.10	MEDICARE	893.00	68.92	716.63	176.37	80.25
101-682-716.00	HOSPITALIZATION	4,800.00	578.94	5,611.32	(811.32)	116.90
101-682-716.02	HEALTH INSURANCE BUY-OUT	495.00	0.00	0.00	495.00	0.00
101-682-716.10	RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-717.00	LIFE INSURANCE	98.00	8.89	93.25	4.75	95.15
101-682-717.10	RETIREE LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.62	(0.62)	100.00
101-682-718.01	RETIREMENT - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	3,023.00	238.92	2,440.74	582.26	80.74
101-682-719.00	WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION	129.00	9.92	101.82	27.18	78.93
101-682-721.00	DENTAL/OPTICAL	665.00	0.00	643.80	21.20	96.81
101-682-726.00	SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	155.00	17.24	201.88	(46.88)	130.25
101-682-727.10	OFFICE SUPPLIES - POSTAGE	2,117.00	38.12	1,798.00	319.00	84.93
101-682-727.50	DONATION EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-815.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-860.00	TRAVEL	250.00	0.00	1,144.86	(894.86)	457.94
101-682-861.00	MILEAGE	600.00	164.50	657.82	(57.82)	109.64
101-682-942.00	RENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-974.00	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$10000 +)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-991.00	PRINCIPAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-992.00	INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 682 - VETERANS COUNSELOR		81,761.00	6,215.51	67,210.63	14,550.37	82.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURES						
		85,361.00	6,215.51	68,560.63	16,800.37	80.32
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	0.00	1,011.73	(1,011.73)	100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		85,361.00	6,215.51	68,560.63	16,800.37	80.32
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(85,361.00)	(6,215.51)	(67,548.90)	(17,812.10)	79.13

PERIOD ENDING 07/31/2022

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITY FOR		YTD BALANCE 07/31/2022	AVAILABLE		% BGD USED
		2021-22 AMENDED BUDGET	MONTH 07/31/2022 INCREASE (DECREASE)		NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	BALANCE NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	
Fund 293 - SOLDIERS & SAILORS							
Revenues							
Dept 000 - 013							
293-000-400.00	REVENUE	0.00	0.00	775.00	(775.00)	100.00	100.00
293-000-664.00	INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.93	(0.93)	100.00	100.00
293-000-699.00	CARRYOVER/FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
293-000-699.01	TRANSFER IN	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 000 - 013		1,500.00	0.00	775.93	724.07	51.73	51.73
TOTAL REVENUES							
		1,500.00	0.00	775.93	724.07	51.73	51.73
Expenditures							
Dept 000 - 013							
293-000-700.00	DISTRIBUTIONS	1,500.00	481.23	980.83	519.17	65.39	65.39
293-000-974.00	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (\$10000 +)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
293-000-995.00	INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 000 - 013		1,500.00	481.23	980.83	519.17	65.39	65.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURES							
		1,500.00	481.23	980.83	519.17	65.39	65.39
Fund 293 - SOLDIERS & SAILORS:							
TOTAL REVENUES							
		1,500.00	0.00	775.93	724.07	51.73	51.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES							
		1,500.00	481.23	980.83	519.17	65.39	65.39
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES							
		0.00	(481.23)	(204.90)	204.90	100.00	100.00

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Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND						
Expenditures						
Dept 682 - VETERANS	COUNSELOR					
101-682-702.00-030	DEPARTMENT HEADS SALARY-STATE	29,475.00	2,346.43	23,420.09	6,054.91	79.46
101-682-702.02-030	DEPARTMENT HEAD SALARY TRAINING-STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-703.00-030	SALARIES & WAGES-STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-704.10-030	SUPPLEMENTAL PAY-STATE	592.00	0.00	317.91	274.09	53.70
101-682-712.00-030	LONG-TERM DISABILITY-STATE	141.00	10.72	105.94	35.06	75.13
101-682-715.00-030	SOCIAL SECURITY	1,827.00	145.48	1,452.05	374.95	79.48
101-682-715.10-030	MEDICARE-STATE	427.00	34.02	339.59	87.41	79.53
101-682-716.02-030	HEALTH INSURANCE BUY-OUT	1,005.00	0.00	0.00	1,005.00	0.00
101-682-717.00-030	LIFE INSURANCE-STATE	49.00	4.39	39.55	9.45	80.71
101-682-718.01-030	RETIREMENT-DEFINED CONTRIBUTION-STATE	1,474.00	117.32	1,170.96	303.04	79.44
101-682-719.00-030	WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION-STATE	62.00	4.85	48.78	13.22	78.68
101-682-721.00-030	DENTAL/OPTICAL-STATE	335.00	0.00	335.00	0.00	100.00
101-682-726.00-030	SHORT-TERM DISABILITY-STATE	80.00	10.86	79.12	0.88	98.90
101-682-727.10-030	OFFICE SUPPLIES - POSTAGE-STATE	1,029.00	0.00	532.65	496.35	51.76
101-682-752.00-030	COMPUTER EQUIP & SUPPLIES-STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-800.00-030	OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES-STATE	9,610.00	629.06	2,861.02	6,748.98	29.77
101-682-815.00-030	MEMBERSHIP DUES-STATE	2,334.00	96.33	1,283.47	1,050.53	54.99
101-682-850.00-030	COMMUNICATIONS-STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-860.00-030	TRAVEL-STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101-682-880.00-030	COMMUNITY PROMOTION-STATE	3,950.00	0.00	1,645.89	2,304.11	41.67
101-682-900.00-030	ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING-STATE	22,970.00	1,958.60	19,104.20	3,865.80	83.17
101-682-910.00-030	TRAINING-STATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 682 - VETERANS COUNSELOR		75,360.00	5,358.06	52,736.22	22,623.78	69.98
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		75,360.00	5,358.06	52,736.22	22,623.78	69.98
Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		75,360.00	5,358.06	52,736.22	22,623.78	69.98

Fund 296 VETERANS MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE FUND

GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
296-000-001.00	CASH	1,769.75
296-000-003.00	CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	0.00
296-000-015.00	MONEY MARKET	0.00
296-000-015.10	INSURED CASH SWEEP	8,220.87
296-000-040.01	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00
Total Assets		9,990.62
*** Liabilities ***		
296-000-202.01	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	0.00
296-000-202.02	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - EXPENSE ACCRUA	0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00
*** Fund Balance ***		
296-000-390.00	FUND BALANCE	16,063.39
Total Fund Balance		16,063.39
Beginning Fund Balance		16,063.39
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures		(6,072.77)
Ending Fund Balance		9,990.62
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance		9,990.62

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RE: Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meetings for Calendar Fiscal Year 2023

The Gratiot County Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee will meet on the following dates in FY23:

October 20, 2022

December 15, 2022

February 16, 2023

April 20, 2023

June 15, 2023

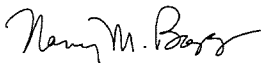
August 17, 2023

Unless otherwise notified, all regular meetings will be held in the Commissioners Room to allow for proper social distancing due to COVID Protocols.

Commissioners Room is located at 214 E. Center Street in Ithaca County Court House.

Meetings will start promptly at 3:00 pm.

For the Chairman,



Nancy Bozzer, Colonel (ret), USAF
Director

“Duty, Honor, Country”