

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

Thursday, March 22 2018 @ 8:00 AM

BOARD MEETING

Minutes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Robert "Art" Eisner, John Block, Jim Wegener, Neal Horning, Jakob Rossi, Lavern Broughton, Ron Hofmeister, Bob Roelofs, Mark Walter, Michael Roof, Erin Whitney

Absent: None

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from February 22, 2018
2. Minutes from March 2, 2018 (special meeting)
3. Minutes from March 16, 2018 (special meeting)

Motion to approve – Hofmeister

Seconded – Rossi

Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve – Horning

Seconded – Block

Approved unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

Block requested that filling the secretary position on the VA committee be placed on next month's agenda. Broughton reported that the Grand Traverse Pavilions would like to build a memorial for veterans, and it was suggested the topic be brought up at the next coalition meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Roof asked for members of VA committee to participate in interviews for new VSO position. Block and Rossi tentatively volunteered. Roof updated committee on office remodel and suggested the quote "Honoring all who served" for entryway. County attorney Chris Forsythe to help draft agreement between VA committee and county administration giving the county authority to continue handling employment paperwork for VA employees. Roof stated he has been in contact with Benzie and Leelanau Counties' administrators and removed those county representatives from sign-in sheet, as it's for per diem purposes. Roelofs responded that per diem from Grand Traverse County was part of the initial contract agreement, and that he received per diem from Grand Traverse County until becoming a county commissioner. Walter confirmed that he has continuously received per diem from Grand Traverse County. Roof stated he has reviewed the statute and it doesn't contain anything regarding per diem for non-Grand Traverse County committeemen. He also requested advance notice if Benzie and Leelanau Counties decide to terminate contract with Grand Traverse County, and Roelofs assured him that is part of the contract.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Block

Meeting adjourned at 8:45AM