

Keweenaw County Veteran's Committee Meeting Minutes June 29, 2018

Keweenaw County Courthouse 10AM

Roll: Ned Huwatschek, chairman
Del Rajala commissioner/member
Joe Finch, member
Wes Aho, member
Barry Koljonen, member

Meeting was called to order at 10am by Chairman Huwatschek, Members Rajala, Finch, Aho, and Koljonen were present.

Pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed for the passing of Gary Heikkinen, Vietnam Veteran, and Keweenaw County resident.

The agenda for this meeting was approved on a motion by Rajala, seconded by Aho. All members voted in favor-Passed

Minutes for meetings held Feb 2, and May 4th were approved, with an addendum forthcoming on additional notes taken by Rajala dated Feb 2, 2018. Approved on a motion by Rajala, seconded by Aho with all members voting in favor-Passed

Guest speaker in attendance was Keweenaw Veteran Don Keith. Keith spoke briefly in support of the Veteran committee, thanking the committee for their work and support of Keweenaw County Veterans. He also wished to convey his thanks to the Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners for their support of the Veterans Committee.

Under communications an email was received in regards to a request of funds for the Keweenaw County portion of VA van usage. Please see below.

Under new business the above mentioned request for funds for van usage was discussed. This fee is based on the percentage of Veterans residing in Keweenaw County. This has been paid by the County in the past. However, as of this date no invoice or bill has been received. As soon as this documentation is received this committee will take action to submit payment.

A discussion was held in regards to the upcoming veterans millage proposal and on a motion by Aho, seconded by Finch it was decided to put an ad in the Gazette requesting county residents to vote in favor of this proposal. All members voted in favor. A later discussion with the County Clerk resulted in being advised that county funds can not be used to request county residents to vote for or against any ballot proposals citing conflict of interest. No action taken on this motion and this issue will be further addressed at the Aug 10 meeting.

Also discussed was the request by a Keweenaw County Veteran for assistance in obtaining much needed repairs on their residence. Due to the current wording of the veterans millage that was voted on by Keweenaw County residents, no action will be taken at this time. This request will be readdressed if the ballot proposal for veterans millage is approved on Aug 7, 2018, in which the wording has been

changed.

Further action by the committee was setting future meeting dates. On a motion by Rajala, seconded by Aho, the next two meetings to be held for this year will be Aug10, 2018, and Nov 9, 2018. To be held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse at 10AM on those dates.

Also discussed was the composition and use of a mission statement for this board. Members are encouraged to submit ideas for discussion.

No further business at this time.

Next meeting date is set at Friday August10, 2018 10am at the Keweenaw County Courthouse.

A motion to adjourn was made by Del, seconded by Joe with all members voting in favor.