

Keweenaw County Veterans Affairs Meeting Minutes

September 10th

September 10th, 2021, Keweenaw County Veterans Affairs Office 10am

Roll Call: Present Barry Koljonen, Chair

- **Ned Huwatschek, member**
- **Wes Aho, member**
- **Bill Hannon, member**
- **Derek Parkinen Veterans Service Officer, Keweenaw County, Departing**
- **Josh Rheault Veterans Service Officer, Keweenaw County, Incoming**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 10am by Chairman Koljonen. The pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of past Comrades and Veterans.

A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by Mr. Hannon, 2nd by Mr. Aho with all members in favor, Motion carried.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for the meeting on July 9th, 2021, agenda was made by Mr. Huwatschek, 2nd by Mr. Hannon with all members in favor, Motion carried.

Guests: None

Public comment: None

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1. Board questioned the status of the turnover between Mr. Parkinen and Mr. Rheault. Turnover reported as completed satisfactorily.**
- 2. A motion was made by the Chair Mr. Koljonen to authorize Mr. Rheault up to \$500 in preapproved office spending. 2nd by Mr. Hannon with all members in favor. Motion carried.**

- 3. A discussion took place about potential Adopt-A-Highway participation. Subject was tabled for further investigation. Concerns regarding the demographics of the veteran population of Keweenaw County in relation to roadside labor were brought up.**
- 4. Quarter 4 FY 2021 Grant closeout was discussed with Mr. Rheault and Mr. Parkinen assuring the board that it was pre-prepared for the October deadline.**
- 5. Mr. Parkinen was recognized by the board for his hard work and efforts in establishing the office.**
- 6. Mr. Parkinen gave his farewells to the board.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aho at 1135 am and seconded by Mr. Huwatschek with all members in favor, motion carried. All members aware of the next board meeting at 1000am on November 12th, all members in favor, motion carried.