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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

August 7, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.

82 Ionia NW, STE 380

MINUTES

Present: Mary Johnson, Fred Chambers, Mel Bauman, Paul Potter, Wayman Britt, Carrie Roy

Guests:

Absent:

1. **Call to Order** – Paul Potter called the meeting to order and lead the in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes** Fred Chambers moved to approve, Mary Johnson seconded. Minutes approved.
3. **Staff Report:**
 - A. **Financial Status as of 08/01/2014:** Ms. Roy reviewed the AFF with the committee. She noted that the budget has 48% percent remaining.
 - B. **Emergency Needs and Burials:** Ms. Roy reviewed the emergency relief and burial expenses. She noted that there was \$4,449 expended on rent in July. There was \$2,304.49 expended on utilities in July. Food expenditures were as follows, \$2,184 in July. In July \$3,900 was expended on burials.
 - C. **Michigan Veterans Trust Fund:** Ms. Roy noted that there were 13 applications approved totaling \$5,106.21.

5. Reports:

A. **Claims and Recoveries:** Ms. Roy referred to the next report regarding claims and recoveries. The Department filed 42 claims in July. She reported that there is currently \$16,616.57 in recoveries for the month of July, \$83,082.85 in total monthly recoveries and about 10.8 million in annual recoveries.

6. **Around the Table:** Simeon Switzer was in attendance during the meeting. He brought a pamphlet published by Plachta Murphy and Associates, a local law firm, to the attention of the committee. The pamphlet contained many errors that were of concern. The committee agreed that a letter correcting the inaccuracies should be drafted and sent to PMA, signed by Paul Potter.

7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

8. **Next Meeting:** September 4, 2014