

# Coppermine Veterans Organization

## Meeting Minutes

Commander: Alfred Long  
POC: 928-606-7892

Vice Commander: Peter Tsinajinnie

Secretary: Fern Bigman-Green

Date: 12 July 2024

*\*\*Notice is given to Coppermine Veterans Organization and the public that the Coppermine Veterans in District 1 will hold a regular meeting that is open to the public given this date above.\*\**

- A. Roll Call- **See attached Log Sheet**
- B. Meeting call to order: 5:30pm DST Quorum: 7
- C. Formalities:  
a) Moment of Silence and Invocation: Allen Rock.  
b) Guests Introduction:  
I. Lorana Yazzie,  
II. \_\_\_\_\_,  
III. \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Review and approval of agenda:  
a. Motion: Peter Tsinajinnie 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allen Rock.  
Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 2
- E. Review and Approval of CVO meeting minutes for: 14 June 2024.  
a. Motion: Diddy Sands 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allen Rock .  
Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 2
- F. Old Business  
a) *Re-do design, problem with NN with flag together/separate. Overall real nice. Fine tuning jackets, more stitching equal clearer design. Iron out any discrepancies this week. Approximately another month.*  
b) *Helena Nez kept talking about brother who passed away. She was basically saying "all you ask for is money".*  
c) *Money Question: Money was open to the public. Veterans who had voter registration were given money during that time of question. Now veterans will be told to go to their veteran organization to meet criteria for money distribution per Ferlin western agency. No need for a resolution.*
- G. New Business  
a) *No need for resolution anymore. Western agency has changed its policy to defer veterans to veteran organization for funding.*

- b) *Supplemental funding is through chapter, has no expiration date. VTF is through western agency has expiration date.*
- c) *\$4000+ supplemental funds need to be utilized.*
- d) *Reach out to Slyvia Preston for disability adjustments. She knows what she's doing. Point of contact: 928-674-2529.*
- e) *Questions: Why have we not seen our council delegate? We would like to hear from her, Helena Nez.*
- f) *Western Agency allocated \$989,674.04. \$168,298.00 left. Where? Ferlin only knows.*
- g) *Eastern, 1 million, Ft. Defiance, 1 million, Western agency, short of 1 million.*
- h) *The upcoming fiscal year will be for active veterans.*

H. Reports:

- a) Commander: June 18, commanders meeting (Kaibeto) update?
  - I. *Fill out veteran registration form yearly basis.*
  - II. *At the commanders' meeting the director Baldwin just left. The meeting was two hours of pointing fingers.*
  - III. *Director Baldwin blurted out numbers. Hiring two more secretaries to speed up administrative tasks.*
  - IV. *Veteran demolished existing home to meet veteran housing criteria. Then told he was not approved. No paperwork. Provided his testimony. In one ear out the other (Baldwin). Contradictions.*
  - V. *\$49,000 supplemental funding. Valerie can update at the chapter meeting.*
  - VI. *Agency commander and Housing Specialist vacant.*
- b) Vice-Commander:
  - VII. *Why haven't we seen our council delegate? We don't hear from her like we don't matter. We would like to hear from her.*
- c) Secretary:

I. Announcements

- a) *2.Next Coppermine planning meeting: 8 July 2024 @4pm DST.*
- b) *3.Next Coppermine regular meeting: 15 July 2024 @5pm DST.*
- c) *4.Next WNVA Commanders Meeting: 20 August 2024, 10am DST. Inscription House.*
- d) *5.Next CVO meeting: 22 August 2024 @6pm DST. Location: Coppermine Chapter House.*

J. Adjournment: 7:30pm DST.