

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2009

PRESENT: ROGER JAEGER, DALE WITZKE, BOB WARNKE, JOE MAEHL,
ROBERT STONE AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: STAN KLINE

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Dale Witzke called the meeting to order and requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Bob Warnke so moved, second by Roger Jaeger. All ayes, motion carried. Dale Witzke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting were read. Dale Witzke requested motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes as read. Roger Jaeger so moved, second by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried. Dale Witzke requested motion for acceptance of the October 8, 2009 financial report. Roger Jaeger so moved, second by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried. Robert feels that we are where we need to be.

Old Business: Bob hasn't heard anything from his letter and has not been able to reach contact person at legislator's office. Will write another letter and the office can provide specific figures. A good bit of travel is subject to taxation. Bob feels that when an office gets any correspondence that an answer should be received.

Robert has asked all the Veteran Service Organizations to promote the upcoming Information and Benefit Fair within their organizations. The VSC will again be recognized along with the volunteer drivers. The drivers will be given a gas card as a token of appreciation for the many hours of volunteer time they have put in. The event will start at 9:00 and run until 11:00. Andy Schuster from the WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs will be the guest speaker. A memorial service will conclude the event. Robert asked if anyone had any ideas they want included. Advertising in the form of public service announcements will be done and Joe suggested getting Doug Zellmer on board.

Robert distributed rider letter regarding changes to transportation program and went over plan and philosophy. Gave details of relationship between DAV and VA regarding the van. The DAV purchases and turns over to the VA. The VA is then responsible for all insurance, maintenance, gas, etc. Bob spoke about the veteran that had his letter read at the recent County Board meeting in which he expressed his appreciation for the transportation services he had received. Judy gave background of van coming out of the Appleton CBOC no longer transporting Winnebago County veterans. This policy needs to be modified. Robert requested a critique on the letter and several changes made including implementation date from January 2010 to April 2010. This will give the office more time to implement the changes and the riders will not have to deal with the changes during the winter. Roger suggested adding a list of other transportation resources in the County. Dale Witzke requested motion to endorse this letter. Roger

Jaeger so moved, second by Bob Warnke. Also at the first of the year the office will start tracking rides/driver.

New Business: CVSO Report for September distributed with addendums concerning several events Robert participated in. Detailed highlights and said that the office is seeing a lot of traffic on educational issues. He went over the 2 half-time LTE's and funding for each. Explained what pending files are and that they all need attention.

Roger and Robert attended the Green Bay Vet Centers Open House. Roger thought that it was a very good event and that they got to "press flesh" with many politicians. He learned that the Center is designed for combats veterans suffering from PTSD. They meet with 1 of the counselors which works out of the Oshkosh Veterans office 2 days/month. This new Center is definitely a big plus for a lot of veterans previously not being served. Robert described facility.

Stan and Robert attended the WSACVSC Annual Meeting in Waupaca. Since Stan not present, highlights will be given next month.

Dale Witzke requested motion to go into closed session. Roger Jaeger so moved at 11:30 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. Roll Call – Roger Jaeger – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Bob Warnke – aye, Joe Maehl - aye. All ayes, motion carried. Convened in closed session for the purposes of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories of such applicants which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85 [1] [f], Wisconsin State Statutes.

Dale Witzke requested motion to come out of closed session. Roger Jaeger so moved at 12:00 p.m., second by Joe Maehl. Roll call – Roger Jaeger – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Bob Warnke – aye, Joe Maehl - aye. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on November 12, 2009, 10:30 A.M. at the J.P. Coughlin Building, Meeting Room B, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI.

Dale Witzke moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary