

**Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 8th, 2024

Present: Jeff Bucholtz, Jon Plato, Tim Paterson, Roy Rogers, Tom Snider, and Peggy Schumacher.
Jerry Schultz (by phone)

Others present: None.

Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Tom Snider requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Peggy Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for public comments. None made.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Tim Paterson so moved at 1:03 p.m., second by Jerry Schultz. 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.

Tom Snider called for approval of meeting minutes dated December 11th, 2023. Jerry Schultz so moved, second by Peggy Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial report dated Jan 8th, 2024. Tim Paterson so moved, second by Roy Rogers. Roll call with all ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Jeff gave the following office updates:

- We offered the open benefits specialist position to one of the applicants we interviewed. He accepted and will start April 22nd.
- Mike from Vet Center took a new position within the VA and will be working in Building 2 at the Appleton CBOC. This is going to leave a vacancy within the Vet Center, which they are currently working on filling. Until the position is filled all group counseling and one on one counseling will be stopping in Oshkosh starting in February 2024
- Staff had a very successful year with disability and pension claims in 2023. \$4.5 million in retroactive benefits were awarded to Winnebago County Veterans, which is up from \$4.3 million the year before.
- Neenah, the move is in the works; materials have been ordered, no construction has started.
- Reminder for Fox Valley Veterans Council annual ball, on March 7th, 2024.
- We are still gearing up for the Tri-County Veterans Expo.

New Business:

- Tom Snider encourages individuals to reach out to their representatives for the CVSO act.
- No other new business as Congress was in recess.

The next meeting date is February 12th, 1:00 p.m. at **the Humans Services Building, 3rd Floor West Conference Room, 220 Washington Ave. Oshkosh, WI.** At 1:31 p.m. Tim Paterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Peggy Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jonathan Plato
Benefit Specialist