

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2018

Present: Bob Warnke, Joe Maehl, Roy Rogers, Dale Witzke, Joe Aulik and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: Tom Snider

Others Present: None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Roy Rogers so moved at 1:01 p.m., second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motioned 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.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to come out of closed session. Joe Maehl so moved at 1:12 p.m., second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated December 11, 2017. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated January 8, 2018. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed final 2017 and 2018 reports and balances. We would ideally like to get the VSC balance at the end of the year as close to \$0 as possible to help as many veterans as possible. We will attempt to carry-over the funds remaining in the account at the end of 2017 along with some other donations that have come in for VSC.

Old Business: Benefit Specialist Wendy Conger is retiring as of 2/28/18. The current Administrative Assistant, Greg Brittnacher will be taking over this position and the office will be hiring for his position. The Administrative position is designed to transition into the Benefit Specialist. Positions. Greg has all training and accreditations in place. He can step right in. Possible Open House on April 11, 1-6 pm. Office will use as an outreach tool. Some discussion

with the Neenah Office Benefit Specialist having 1 work day each week here in Oshkosh. Office has done over \$2 million in retro payments in 2017. This figure does not include the monthly payments thereafter until the end of the veterans life.

New Business: A couple bills are currently going through the state legislative process. One is for the PTC to be prorated for 70% or greater service connected veterans and the other is CVSO's having access to vouchers for mental health treatment. The VA mental health clinic in Appleton is not equipped to handle the volume and especially not emergent situations. WDVA may possibly be increasing the CVSO grant amount in their 2019 budget. Currently the grant is based on county population except for the tribal communities. The proposal is to give each county the same amount regardless of population. On the federal side, a bill is making its way through the process to grant federal funds directly to CVSO offices. Time frame for this proposal is fall of 2018.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Dale Witzke moved to adjourn, seconded by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.
Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor