

# Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 11, 2021

**Present:** Bob Warnke, Tom Snider, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers, Jeff Bucholtz & Judy Steckbauer

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jerome Schultz

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

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke did not request a motion to go into closed session because there were no applications to act on. Since potential new Commissioner in attendance, went over sample application, financial assistance tab and office communications. Jeff explained process.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated December 16, 2020. Tom Snider so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial reports dated December 31, 2020 and January 11, 2021. Lucy Burr so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried. Again, discussion on collaboration with Fox Valley Veterans Council (FVVC). Jeff distributed sample spreadsheet from FVVC. Spreadsheet shows amount requested, amount approved and if any other agencies shared in expense. Current discussion centers around a spreadsheet such as this being presented to the VSC quarterly and Winnebago County reimbursing the FVVC for the amount of assistance they have provided Winnebago County veterans during that quarter. The VSC would put a cap on the amount of yearly reimbursement to FVVC. The remainder of the VSC funds would be handled as usual by the Commission. Signing a formal Memo of Understanding would be the next step. Jeff is working on the verbiage and hopefully will distribute at next meeting.

**Old Business:** Jeff distributed several office activity comparison sheets and explained that even with COVID and office visits being down significantly, other office communications were not down and office was still connecting with veterans by other means. Also 2020 retroactive payments were higher than 2019 which was previously the highest year to date. Also, handout on 12-month projections.

Jeff also state that the application packet for the WDVA CVSO Grant was submitted last week.

**New Business:** Tom Snider is still working with Senator Baldwin to reintroduce the CVSO Act legislation. Question raised as to how to find state & federal legislation that pertains to veterans. Several suggestions given and websites provided.

Jeff also spoke on the new presumptives approved related to Agent Orange Exposure. They are hypothyroidism, parkinsonism and kidney cancer. They VA does not have the regulations in place yet so no benefits will be granted for these conditions until those are finalized.

The next meeting date is Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer  
Veterans Benefits Supervisor