

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2016

Present: Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Jim Romnek, Tom Snider, Joe Maehl, Joe Aulik, Judy Steckbauer and Karen Winkel

Absent: None

Others Present: Lydia Wilz (Before closed session only)

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introduction of new office staff Lydia Wilz and Karen Winkel. Roundtable introductions of Commissioners. Lydia was excused.

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

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 9:05 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. 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. Tom Snider so moved at 9:45 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated January 11, 2016. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated February 8, 2016. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Joe detailed report. Believes that budget can be managed as we move through the year.

Old Business: Joe toured a company (ARMS) for scanning project. They have taken a sample of files to scan and upload into VetraSpec. Sampling was good so they will be picking up the rest of the files shortly. Project should be done within 60 days.

Operation Cabin Fever is slated for Saturday Feb. 20th at the Elks Club. Everyone encouraged to attend. Joe has e-mailed publicity out and Bob Warnke going to be placing PR at each spot at upcoming County Board meeting. Veteran Office will have outreach table at event.

New Business: Joe spoke on the recent legislation that was proposed potentially eliminating the CVSO Offices. Also potentially eliminating CVSO functions such as approval for the Vet Identifiers on drivers licenses, verification of eligibility for state parks passes, etc. A joint legislative study has been called for on how veterans receive their benefits in the State of WI. 90% of the claims that WDVA Claims Office deals with are done by CVSO Offices. A lot of time and effort has gone into fighting this legislation but probably not the end of issue.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Deputy Director of Veterans Services