

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2018

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

Absent: None

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. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:05 p.m., second by Joe Maehl. 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 1:30 p.m., second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated March 12, 2018. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated April 9, 2018. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed report.

Old Business: Susan Giese, Administrative Assistant IV formally introduced to all Commissioners. She started on 3/26/18. Joe also draw attention to the new signage for the office.

Office Open House slated for April 18, 2018, 1-6 p.m. Publicity will be sent out on this event to all local newspapers and radio stations. Also put on the County Intranet.

The new Vet Center counselor has started. His name is Mike and he had 2 tours in Iraq. Once he is up and running he will be at the office every Tuesday & Thursday and every other Friday. He is going to start some later hours on Tuesdays, 10:30 am to 7:00 pm hoping to accommodate the younger veterans who are working. Joe has also noticed that the Group Counseling that is already up and running is better attended in the new location.

The office has already garnered about \$700,000 in retroactive benefits so far this year, plus the continuing monthly compensation. We are on target to do at least 2 – 2.5 million this year. At 2019 budget time, Joe will be requesting 1 more Benefit Specialist. He has always know that another person was needed, but now that we have had the added benefit from an intern for several semesters, it is even more evident.

New Business: The funding for VORP has been approved. New legislation also approved makes all Veterans Service Organizations tax exempt.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9 2018 @ 3:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor