

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2022

Present: Jerry Schultz, Peggy Schumacher, Roy Rogers, Tom Snider, Jeff Bucholtz, & Lydia Wilz

Absent: Tim Paterson

Others Present: None

Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

Tom Snider called for Public Comments.

- Jeff Bucholtz informed the Veterans Service Commission (VSC) of the new County Board rule changes adopted in April 2022: all County committee meetings as well as online educational meetings, will be available to the public. They may have the option to participate via video conferencing in order to appear and/or speak during the appropriate public comment time – Zoom should be used to satisfy this requirement. In addition, the Zoom meeting should be recorded so that anyone can review the meeting at any time – Information Systems will upload these recordings to YouTube and post a link on our website.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Jerry Schultz so moved at 1:09 p.m., second by Peggy Schumacher. 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 May 9th, 2022. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Peggy Schultz seconds it. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial reports dated May 9th, 2022. Peggy Schumacher so moved, second by Jerry Schultz. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider requested a motion to come out of closed session. Roy Rogers so moved at 1:26 p.m., second by Peggy Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Jeff gave the following office updates:

- Winnebago CVSO office will be attending their 2nd Outreach event in Omro at their Community Center on 07/12/2022. Other agencies will be in attendance this time: ADRC, Department of Work Force & Development (DWD), CaptionCall, Appleton VA Clinic...
- DWD will be conducting outreach at Oshkosh Winnebago CVSO twice a week. Jeff Murphy will be here on Wednesdays to meet with employers, and Crystal Jome will be here on Mondays to work with veterans who are looking for employment.
- VetCenter is up and running again. Their counselor is at Winnebago CVSO (Oshkosh location) three times a week doing group and individual therapy. There is also a counselor at the Neenah location once a month doing individual therapy.
- There are two vacancies in the Winnebago CVSO Oshkosh and Neenah location. We are working diligently with getting those filled.
- 2023 Budget preparation is beginning. The Veterans Department's 2023 Leavy Target will be the same as 2022, (Leavy Freeze). Additionally, there is 4% increase projected for labor cost. This cost will need to be absorbed by trimming expenses in other programs. Jeff's goal is to not cut any of the funds used to support the VSC.

New Business:

- Tom updated the commission with the PACT Act. The new Senate version has not been published but it was discussed on the floor as of 06/09/2022. More to come.
- WSACVSC will be having an Executive Team meeting on 10/20/2022. Discussions for a future WSACVSC conference will take place at that time. More to follow.

The next meeting date is July 11th, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. at **the Humans Services Building, 3rd Floor West Conference Room, 220 Washington Ave. Oshkosh, WI.** At 1:52, Roy Rogers moved to adjourn, seconded by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Wilz
Veteran Benefits Supervisor