

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2017

Present: Bob Warnke, Jim Romnek, Tom Snider, Joe Maehl, Dale Witzke, Joe Aulik and Wendy Conger

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. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Jim Romnek 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. Tom Snider so moved at 1:30 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 May 8, 2017. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated June 21, 2017. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Joe detailed report and also what was just approved today. We are still on schedule for year.

Old Business: Joe discussed the new checklist for veterans requesting help with service commission. The applicant will need to first explore other agencies on the checklist that offer help with related issues. After checking with other agencies they can come back to our office to make a request. There are repeat abusers of veteran service commission, and this should help weed out those that really need help.

There will be an asset limit of \$1000 for veteran service commission applicants.

Discussion of adding more funds to the budget for VSC, Joe will add \$5000 to the budget

New Business: Joe had some discussion on the conference he just attended. Things are changing, 75% of Regional Office decisions are wrong-appeals will be changing-DRC, new claims- some issues and procedures will totally change. More information and training will be coming.

The Veteran Service Office will be moving to the County Administration Building in August 2017. It's a very nice office space on the 3rd floor. Carpet will be replaced, nice waiting area, counter, nice offices.

Starting January 2018 office hours will change to 40 hours per week, with changing the lunch time from one hour to half an hour lunch.

Jim Romnek mentioned he will be moving out of Wisconsin, so will be leaving the VSC. There was some discussion on a possible new commissioner.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2017 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 Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Conger
Veterans Benefit Specialist