

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11, 2022

Present: Peggy Schumacher, Roy Rogers, Tom Snider, Tim Paterson, Jeff Bucholtz, & Sue Giese

Absent: Jerry Schultz

Others Present: None

Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Tom Snider called for Public Comments. None.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Tim Paterson so moved at 1:03 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 requested a motion to come out of closed session. Roy Rogers so moved at 1:15 p.m., second by Tim Paterson. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of meeting minutes dated June 13, 2022. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Peggy Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial reports dated June 13, 2022. Peggy Schumacher so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Jeff gave the following office updates:

- We have hired two new Benefit Specialists to fill our two vacancies. Shane, who is an Army veteran, will be starting July 28 and Theresa, who is a county transfer from DHS in Neenah and the spouse of an Army veteran (her start date to be determined).
- Six-month update for our office. As of today's date we currently have 692 pending claims actions with a 112 of those in a "decisions ready" state. Retroactive VA payments to date for the year are \$2.5 million, so we are off to a very good start for the year.
- The VA released its GDY report and veteran populations in Winnebago County are down over 300 from last year due to a higher than normal mortality rate. Total VA spending in Winnebago County is at \$85 million for the year, which is up from the previous year.

- Mental Health Summit will be held in Fond du Lac at the fairgrounds. This a Multi-County effort/program. The Federal and State VA will also be participating
- We will have a booth at the County fair and at the EAA.

New Business:

- Tom updated the commission with the PACT Act. It was passed with changes in the Senate and must now go back and be approved by the House of Representatives.

The next meeting date is August 8, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. at **the Humans Services Building, 3rd Floor West Conference Room, 220 Washington Ave. Oshkosh, WI.** At 1:50, Tim Paterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Peggy Schumacher. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Giese
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