

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2021

Present: Tom Snider, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers, Jerry Schultz, Jeff Bucholtz & Judy Steckbauer

Absent: None

Others Present: None

Tom Snider requested a moment of silence for the passing of Bob Warnke, Chairman of the Veteran Service Commission.

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 Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for Public Comments. None.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Lucy Burr so moved at 1:01 p.m., second by Jerry Schultz. 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. Jerry Schultz so moved at 1:16 p.m., second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of meeting minutes dated August 9, 2021. Jerry Schultz so moved, second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial report dated September 13, 2021. Lucy Burr so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried

Old Business: With the resignation of Gerald Smalls who worked in the Neenah Office, Kevin Jurgella has been transferred to Neenah to fill that position. The vacancy in the Oshkosh Office caused by this relocation will not be filled. A social work intern from UW-O has just started today. His name is Cory Smith and he will be introduced next month to Commissioners. Jon will again start going on a regular basis to the Veterans Resource Center at UW-O for outreach. Jeff attended the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting this morning to review the budget prior to going before the County Board. Very few questions but ones that were asked we about the formal agreement between the Vet Center and the County. This agreement has already been reviewed by the Corporation Council and now that the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee as reviewed, it is approved to be signed.

-Copy of State Statutes 45.001 & 45.02 distributed and discussed for the purpose of defining a veteran for commissioner assistance.

New Business: Tom Snider thoroughly discussed new legislation aimed at connecting newly discharged veterans with their benefits. This legislation has WDVA Secretary Kolar's support. Jeff explained the

Transition Assistance Program that veterans go through prior to discharge. This program is designed to bridge the gap between the military and civilian life. Tom also spoke on the VA National Veteran Suicide Program. This is an initiative regarding the prevention of suicide amongst veterans. Tom gave some suicide statistics.

Discussion on the need to fill Bob Warnke's spot on the commission and should it be a County Board member. Office will research criteria for total number of members and county board members required on commission. This will again be discussed at next months meeting.

The next meeting date is **Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave. Oshkosh, WI. Jerry Schultz moved to adjourn, seconded by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor