

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2020

Present: Tom Snider, Dale Witzke, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers, Jeff Bucholtz, and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: Bob Warnke

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 Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for Public Comments. None.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 1:02 p.m., second by Lucy Burr. 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.

Tom Snider requested a motion to come out of closed session. Lucy Burr so moved at 1:10 p.m., second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of meeting minutes dated August 10, 2020. Tom Snider noted error in minutes under New Business, 3rd sentence should say they not there. Roy Rogers so moved with correction noted, second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial report dated September 14, 2020. Lucy Burr so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried. Still have slightly over \$20,000 for rest of the year. Discussion on sharing agreement between Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission and Fox Valley Veterans Council (FVVC). FVVC does have more restrictions on their program such as character of service restrictions and 3 times/lifetime usage. Jeff likes the VSC's flexibility.

Old Business: Nothing new on Neenah Office move but some testing of area has been done and all came back fine. Jeff has presented the office budget to the County Executive and the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee and there were no issues or questions. The retroactive service connected disability funds brought into the County so far this year are approaching \$3 million with several months to go before end of year. Hoping to meet the \$3.5 million mark

again this year. Jeff is actively promoting the office. A mass mailing went out to all Winnebago County care facilities with a supply of office flyers. This mailing has generated business. Roy heard that there are 50 empty beds at King and they are currently not admitting any new residents. Judy will call admissions to find out if that is true and add response to the minutes. Per phone conversation, the number of 50 was not confirmed but admissions office stated that there are quite a few empty beds due to the on & off restrictions on admitting due to COVID. There is a waiting list but at the current time, they are not actively admitting new residents.

New Business: Tom Snider is still actively working on H.R. 5516 Commitment to Veterans Support and Outreach (CVSO) since no movement on the bill. He will send Jeff a sample letter which he would like attached to minutes for those who would like to encourage their legislators to support.

The next meeting date is Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Roy Rogers moved to adjourn, seconded by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefits Supervisor