

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2016

Present: Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Jim Romnek, Joe Maehl, Tom Snider, Joe Aulik and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: None

Others Present: None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Tom Snider so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 9:01 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. 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. Joe Maehl so moved at 10:00 a.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 October 10, 2016. Tom Snider so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated November 14, 2016. Tom Snider so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed how format has changed and more accurately reflects actual donations and usage. Requests have already exceeded actual budget and donation from Operation Cabin Fever being utilized. There are still other donations that have not been transferred which are reflected on the report. Per Mr. Orenstein, there is no problem with carrying over donations funds.

Old Business: Decision made on appeals for Benefit Specialists and Administrative Associate III positions. Administrative position moved from level 16 to 18 but the Benefit Specialist position appeal denied so kept at level 19. Director position is currently being reviewed. Joe detailed our justification for the Benefit Specialist position appeal. Very disappointing that this was not recognized.

-Nothing new on office relocation.

-Legislative Update – Handout distributed on the resignation of Secretary John Scocos effective January 7, 2017.

-Some discussion on non-lapsing/emergency accounts being carried over. Joe has requested an opinion from John Bodnar but no word-to-date. Joe will continue to pursue. Also discussion on carryover of WDVA grant funds due to grant not running on calendar year but FY.

New Business: None

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Jim Romnek moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Deputy Director of Veterans Services