

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: December 12, 2016

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

Absent: Joseph Maehl and Tom Snider

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. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:01 a.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. Jim Romnek 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 November 14, 2016. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated November 14, 2016. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried. Joe discussed financial report and donations. Discussed current balance in veteran service commission fund. Decision made to purchase Kwik Trip gas cards with remaining funds. 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 now also denied.

-Legislative Update – Joe discussed the resignation of Secretary John Scocos and how now the CVSOs and Wisconsin Dept of Veterans Affairs will be working together to improve and get things done.

-Some discussion on non-lapsing/emergency accounts being carried over.

- Also VA may pro rate the tax refund benefit, a proposal may take place

New Business: Joe discussed perpetual care costs for cemeteries. This came into effect in the 1960s. It is to help take care of graves at the cemeteries. Possibly may send a letter to cemeteries to tell them not to charge more for a grave than needed, don't charge twice for the plot.

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017 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 Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Conger
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