

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2010

PRESENT: ROGER JAEGER, DALE WITZKE, BOB WARNKE, ROBERT STONE
AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: STAN KLINE AND JOE MAEHL

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Dale Witzke called the meeting to order and requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Roger Jaeger so moved, second by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried. Dale Witzke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting were read. Stan Kline requested motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes as read. Bob Warnke so moved, second by Roger Jaeger. All ayes, motion carried. Dale Witzke requested motion for acceptance of the February 11, 2010 financial report. Roger Jaeger so moved, second by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried. Judy Steckbauer explained that 1 large voucher that should have been paid in 2009 had to be paid in 2010 so good thing carryover funds were requested. She is going before the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee with this carryover request on Monday. Personnel and Financial Committee meeting for final approval will be in March.

Old Business: Bob talked with Petri's office and they are going to check with their counterparts in Washington and get back to him. This is an issue for all volunteers, not just veterans. Problem he sees is that it is a political game. He has written to Michelle Obama 3 times now and not even the courtesy of a response. Roger suggested speaking with Marlene Mielke, Senator Kohl's aid directly. The original letter was already given directly to her by Robert.

Willing to look at some of the suggestions for next years Information and Benefits Fair such as different day of week, time of day or time of year. Original thoughts were to try and accommodate County Board members but willing to try and accommodate the community. Suggestion made to try and dovetail with another event but Robert feels that it would loose some of the hype if this is done. Roger has 2 friends that served in the Battle of the Bulge and would be glad to contact them for a possible speaker for next years event. Robert inquired if this vet was receiving any benefits and encouraged Roger to have him contact our office for an appointment. Bob suggested coordinating event through a VSO and their meeting or perhaps a different location such as the Waters.

New Business: LZ Lambeau tickets brought up last month. Office has obtained 50 tickets. Event is slated for May 21-23, 2010. Tickets are for program on the 22nd. There will also be a Friday night ticketed event at the Resch Center. Office is going to use tickets for promotional purposes and there will be no charge. Paid for through CVSO

grant funds. Wanted ideas as far as how to distribute. Some staff people want to go and then commissioners, county board people, etc. Could distribute by lottery, first come first serve, etc. Commissioners should speak with Vietnam era vets in their areas. Robert would be willing to at the VVA meeting on March 1. Give priority to Vietnam Vets. Establish cutoff date. Could bring a significant other. Distribute the rest as far as the resources available. Need to start promoting.

Robert stated that it was another busy month and detailed some of the activities he has participated in, especially the reintegration event. More than 50% filed service connected disability claims. These claims are being fast tracked by the San Diego office unless development is required. All vets at the event were encouraged to get into their CVSO's. Robert likes to refer combat vets to Vet Center if PTSD is an issue. A lot of business on the property tax credit. Robert explained program. Bob commented that this benefit should have been brought into play much earlier! Spoke on transportation program changes. Meeting with drivers next Monday regarding the changes going into effect the first of April. This will help redirect energies in the office. Private transportation program will still be in effect and county funding will be kept. Changes apply only to DAV van portion. Robert thanked everyone for their support on this issue. Also went over comparison between 2008 and 2009. Still refining methods to capture information. Highlighted certain areas such as increase in rides, forms, new clients (files created), etc. Roger very supportive of data but would like to see some visual data. More impact in visuals. Robert wants to do a report to the County Board again in April. If economy does not improve, may see more requests for assistance and more funding maybe needed.

Dale Witzke requested motion to go into closed session. Roger Jaeger so moved at 12:00 p.m., second by Bob Warnke. Roll Call – Roger Jaeger – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Bob Warnke – aye. 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.

Dale Witzke requested motion to come out of closed session. Bob Warnke so moved at 12:35 p.m., second by Roger Jaeger. Roll call – Roger Jaeger – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Bob Warnke – aye. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on March 11, 2010, 10:30 A.M. at the J.P. Coughlin Building, Meeting Room B, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI.

Dale Witzke moved to adjourn, seconded by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Steckbauer, Secretary