

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: JULY 8, 2010

PRESENT: STAN KLINE, DALE WITZKE, JOE MAEHL, ROBERT STONE AND
JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: BOB WARNKE AND ROGER JAEGER

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Stan Kline called the meeting to order and requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Stan Kline called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting were read. Stan Kline requested motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes as read. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Stan Kline requested motion for acceptance of the July 8, 2010 financial report. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Financial running ahead of schedule. Why? Perhaps it has to do with philosophy – is this action going to make a difference to the person. Also taking a closer look at discharges.

Old Business: Mileage issue will not go away any time soon because of much larger problems to deal with. It would also involve lower take collections.

New Business: Promotional items have been ordered for the Winnebago County Fair, Aug. 3-8. By having a presence at the fair we are trying to make people aware of our office and encounter people eligible for benefits. Joe believes that this is a direct route to bring our message to the people. He also brought up the idea of printing some sort of generic poster for VSO's to promote their events. Robert will take this idea to Council of Veterans Organization meeting next month to see if they would utilize if office had printed.

CVSO June report distributed – alot of activities lately. New work study started this week. Robert spoke on the number of new files created – this person has never walked in the door before. We had 53 brand new people last month. This does not even consider the veterans that come in for follow-up on their current benefits. Robert spoke on the VA's mission to reduce the backlog. Explained the Ready to Rate Claim philosophy. In theory, it will shorten the claims process significantly. Because of this, we will be more proactive in securing all the supporting documents. We have to get up to speed on this process. It should reduce processing time to 60 days.

CVSO Annual Meeting – September 10 – Robert asked if any commissioner would want to go and give presentation on how our commission does business. Judy will call to see who will go when registration comes.

Stan Kline requested motion to go into closed session. Joe Maehl so moved at 11:15 a.m., second by Dale Witzke. Roll Call – Stan Kline – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Joe Maehl – 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.

Stan Kline requested motion to come out of closed session. Bob Warnke so moved at 11:40 a.m., second by Joe Maehl. Roll call – Stan Kline – aye, Dale Witzke – aye, Roger Jaeger – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Bob Warnke – aye. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on August 12, 2010, 10:30 A.M., J.P. Coughlin Building, Meeting Room B, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI.

Dale Witzke moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary