

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2022

Present: Tom Snider, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers, Tim Paterson, Jerry Schultz, Jeff Bucholtz & Susan Giese

Absent: None

Others Present: Peggy Schumacher

Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Tom Snider requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Lucy Burr so moved, second by Jerry Schultz. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for Public Comments. Peggy Schumacher was attending as a possible replacement for Lucy Burr. She was born in Oshkosh, served in the Army 20 years, and retired in 1991.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Roy Rogers so moved at 1:14 p.m., second by Tim Paterson. 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.

Tom Snider requested a motion to come out of closed session. Jerry Schultz so moved at 1:27 p.m., second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of meeting minutes dated January 17, 2022. Jerry Schultz so moved, second by Tim Paterson. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial reports dated February 21, 2022. Jerry Schultz so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business: Jeff gave the following office updates: Judy Steckbauer's last day of work was Feb 1st, her retirement will be recognized during the County Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for March 1st. The Veterans Services Supervisor position was posted on 2/21/22, the posting will run for 5 days. If the position is filled by a Benefit Specialist through an internal promotion he will then need to fill that open Benefit Specialist position. Winneconne outreach is going well and we will start an Omro Outreach at the Omro Community Center on March 15 – Kevin & Lydia will be there along with a Vet Center outreach person. The CVSO Association of Wisconsin Spring conference will be in La Crosse this year and the Fall conference will be in WI Rapids, half of the staff will attend the Spring and half the Fall to complete everyone's CEU requirements for the year. No staff will be attending the National CVSO conference in San Antonio TX – Tom mentioned he plans to attend the La Crosse conference also. The Veterans office has brought in \$1.1 million in retroactive compensation and pension benefit payments so far this year, last year's total was around \$3.7 million, so we are off to a quick start in that program. Jeff also gave an update on WI SB 243; which is a Senate Bill to reduce the WI PTC eligibility from 100% to 70% Service Connected Veterans- Unfortunately 2 Senators are holding it up – An Amendment was added on 1/26/2022 to hopefully get the Bill moving again.

New Business: Tom is still pushing CVSO Act - not much movement. Tom suggested they appoint a Vice Chair to have someone take charge when he is out – Jerry made a motion to appoint Roy Rogers as Vice Chair and it was second by Tim. All ayes motion carried. Roy informed us that it was brought up in another Veteran meeting that Allegiant Airlines is offering free checked baggage for veterans with a copy of their DD214. Roy asked if Jeff would look into that to confirm if that is indeed true. Tom asked that Jeff forward the Allegiant information along with the SB 243 updates to the Commission members.

The next meeting date is March 14, 2022 @ 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,

Susan Giese
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