

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2017

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

Absent: Dale Witzke and Joe Maehl

Others Present: None

Prior to meeting being called to order, new Administrative Assistant Greg Brittnacher introduced to Commissioners.

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

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

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 9:05 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. 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 9:30 a.m., second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated February 13, 2017. Tom Snider so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated March 13, 2017. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried. Joe discussed financial report. Target per month is still about \$2,600.00. Discussion on mandatory financial counseling with Family Living counselors at UW-Ext. for requests. Only 2 20-punch bus passes left. Tom Snider moved to purchase another 10 at the cost of \$200.00, seconded by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business: Nothing new on office relocation, looking at end of 2017, beginning of 2018. Bids for Otter St. building came in very high. County now looking at scaling things back. Joe concerned about losing some of planned office space in new location.

Tom Snider recently spoke with Glenn Grothman regarding direct funding to CVSO offices, not going through WDVA. The new WDVA Secretary Zimmerman has been actively working with the CVSO's. Many issues have come to light which Joe will e-mail to everyone. One of the main topics was the grant and several issues related such as more funding and categories of usage too restrictive. Joe believes that eventually WDVA will have to be full funded by the state and that they will have to reduce overhead within the department. Question also asked if H.R.67 which has to do with federal funding for CVSO offices would do any harm to this new founded relationship with WDVA. Joe did not believe so because you never know what will happen in the future.

New Business: Benefit Specialist Lydia Wilz recently relocated to the Neenah Office. Joe would like to see that office get out of the lower level. Veterans call it the "dungeon". Even trying to build a wall to split the currently office space is a huge project. There is also an additional space next door that could possibly be utilized now that 2 employees working there. That would help the privacy issue but not the basic issue of being in the lower level.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor