

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2016

Present: Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Joe Maehl, Joe Aulik, Judy Steckbauer

Absent: Jim Romnek 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 Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Joe Maehl 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. Joe Maehl so moved at 9:15 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 March 14, 2016. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated April 11, 2016. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Budget looking good at this point of the year.

Old: Proceeds from Operation Cabin Fever are \$7,077.35. Check will be presented to office before the County Board at their meeting on June 21, 2016.

Scanning project almost done. It is working out well.

Bob Warnke asked about office relocation. Joe Aulik to meet with Facilities and architect this week regarding space needs at Administration Bldg. Move will probably not happen until late 2017.

Outreach letter has been sent to Parkview Health Center and will be sent shortly to all other assisted living facilities as well as skilled nursing care facilities in the county.

New Business: Report from the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau distributed. Discussion on Veterans Trust Fund being bankrupt again in 2019. WDVA has 140 employees while the benefits to veterans have been reduced. The only WDVA benefit that is still viable is the Aid to Needy Veteran Grants which is utilized for dental needs. Benefits are a very small percentage of the budget aside of salaries. Number of employees out of line with other states.

Assembly Minority Peter Barca addressed the CVSO Executive Committee last Friday and a copy of the letter Mr. Barca sent to Governor Scott Walker after the meeting distributed. Joe Maehl feels that the CVSO Association has to stand together and draft a strong statement loaded with figures and dollars amounts in a bullet point format and send to the to the Governor.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Deputy Director of Veterans Services