

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2016

Present: Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Joe Maehl, Tom Snider, Jim Romnek, Joe Aulik, Judy Steckbauer

Absent: None

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 Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider 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. Tom Snider so moved at 9:55 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated April 11, 2016. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Joe Maehl. 3 ayes, 2 abstained because they did not attend last months meeting, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated May 9, 2016. Tom Snider so moved, second by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried. Joe detailed report and stating that another \$7,077.35 will be received from Operation Cabin Fever and a \$2000.00 private donation has also been received.

Old Business: The scanning project has been completed with very few glitches. Joe meeting this week for final project review.

Joe has again spoken to Victoria McGrath regarding placement of positions.

Joe has met with architect and plans are to take the back side of the first floor. Separate offices for benefits specialist, reception area, waiting area, public computer area, Vet Center private and group counseling rooms as well as storage area.

Outreach letter as gone out to all skilled nursing care facilities as well as assisted living facilities in the county making them aware of the non-service connected disability pension program. This letter will be sent every 6 months as personnel at facilities change and to keep this benefit at the forefront for those veterans in such facilities.

Joe had an opportunity to speak 1-on-1 with Governor Walker regarding the needs of Wisconsin veterans. Secretary Scocos has basically stated that the Trust Fund is gone and WDVA is run by GPR. WDVA is also drawing money off the Wisconsin Veterans Home to run the department. This money should stay with the homes. Legislation regarding regionalization of CVSO's will again be brought up for possible legislation this fall. Extremely damaging to Wisconsin veterans.

New Business: Possible changes to guidelines and resolution addressing the CVSO grant will be discussed next month.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor conference room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

Jim Romnek moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Deputy Director of Veterans Services