

## Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 10, 2021

**Present via Phone:** Bob Warnke, Tom Snider, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers, Jerry Schultz, Jeff Bucholtz & Judy Steckbauer

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

Bob Warnke called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Jerry Schultz so moved at 1:01 p.m., second by Lucy Burr. 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.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to come out of closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:07 p.m., second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated April 12, 2021. Lucy Burr so moved, second by Jerry Schultz. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated May 10, 2021. Jerry Schultz so moved, second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried. Jeff explained that 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payment has now been made to FVVC and it is subtracted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> section. We will not receive another bill until July. We are 1/3 through the year and doing well. It was noted that applications are down from last year at this point but yet we have spent more. Lucy Burr pointed out that 1 reason for this maybe because some applications are being sent to FVVC that would normally come to VSC. Some discussion on capturing FVVC application numbers on report but no decision made.

**Old Business:** Jeff had a sit down with new County Executive. Feels he is very supportive of our office. Issues discussed were the Neenah Veterans Office being in the lower level, possible low-income housing specifically for veterans, etc. Jeff really needs several hours to explain mission and how all the partners we work with fit together. Tom Snider brought up the issue of a medical liaison.

Seems local communities are having all of their Memorial Day events. Good to see happening!

The National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) is going to be held virtually in July. Several staff will do this virtual training and those not doing, will attend the Fall CVSO Conference in Fond du Lac. This way everyone will get the necessary Continuing Education Credits. Office has also recently participated in a webinar put on by the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) on changes to disability ratings for musculoskeletal conditions.

**New Business:** Pretty quiet on legislative issue recently. Tom Snider is attending the NACO Conference in Washington D.C. He had previously been asked to be the National Chair for veterans' issues.

The federal legislation for the CVSO Act has not yet been introduced but does have bi-partisan support in both houses. Tom again encouraged every to support this legislation and also State Senate Bill 243 whenever they speak to a legislator.

The next meeting date is Monday, June 14, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave. Oshkosh, WI. Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer  
Veterans Benefits Supervisor