

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 20, 2018

Present: Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Joe Maehl, Roy Rogers, Tom Snider, Joe Aulik and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Harris

Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Snider requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda with a change in the order of business. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried. This was requested because Mark Harris in attendance to speak on a specific issue under Old Business and Bob Warnke late for meeting.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 9:30 a.m., second by Tom Snider. 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. Dale Witzke so moved at 10:25 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 May 9, 2018. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated, June 20, 2018. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried. Joe briefly detailed report. The Commission can average about \$4000 in approvals per month for the remaining budget to last rest of the year.

Old Business: Current intern, who is getting her Master's Degree in Social Work, will be done this summer. A student from UW-O who is currently getting her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services will be interning this fall for 1 semester. Having this extra person in the office to do intensive case management has really showed the need for another staff person.

New Business: County Executive Mark Harris gave some background on the issues with the Veterans Trust Fund. He believes that these funds should be utilized for veteran's benefits, not salaries or other budget items. He believes that there needs to be an audit of the Trust Fund to determine where the reserves taken from the WI Veterans Home at King have been utilized. Tom Snider has drafted a resolution to this effect and will bring before the County Board. Tom would eventually like to see the Trust Fund funded by general purpose revenue (GPR) tax dollars. If the fund continues on this path it will come to a bad end and so will the King facility. Mr. Harris has brought this issue up to legislators but keeps getting brushed off. He does not want this to be a political issue but just wants it fixed. When this resolution is passed it will be shared with other counties.

Joe Aulik informed Commissioners that the VA is revamping the Choice Care Program. He is still working on the federal legislation which would grant CVSO's \$50 million to enhance or create offices. Someone on the Veterans Affairs Committee is needed to support this legislation.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 9, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Tom Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor