

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 17, 2017

Present: Bob Warnke, Jim Romnek, Dale Witzke, Joe Aulik and Judy Steckbauer

Absent: Tom Snider & Joe Maehl

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. Jim Romnek 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. Jim Romnek so moved at 9:25 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 June 21, 2017. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated July 17, 2017. Jim Romnek so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Joe detailed report and subtracted amount approved today. No further questions.

Old Business: Office out of gas cards. Bob Warnke requested approval to purchase another \$3,000 in Kwik Trip cards. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: Still 4-8 weeks before move so that moves out until September or October. Waiting for windows. After office has moved and is settled, will have an Open House to welcome everyone to new location.

-WDVA Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) has lost funding so will be discontinued at the King and Tomah sites. WDVA has taken over funding of the Veterans Outreach & Recovery Program (VORP) now so hopefully this program will be able to supplement some of services that are being lost.

-Bob Warnke received correspondence from U.S. Representative Glen Grothman, regarding HR 23.72 which addresses the issue of veterans that are not accessing VA Health Care Services possibly being eligible for a tax credit.

-Budget 2018. Joe is hoping to pay everyone for 40 hours/week which equates to 2080 hours/year. There is plenty of business for everyone to work these additional hours. Also requesting another Benefit Specialist for the Oshkosh Office. The Veterans Office is unique in the aspect of actually bringing funds back to the county. Joe also recently had an Economic Impact Study done for 2016. Suggestion made to distribute to County Board.

-Jim Romnek resigned from the Veteran Service Commission. Joe will put in request to appointment Roy Rogers to serve for the remainder of Jim's term.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Orrin King Building, 1st floor Conference Room, 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefit Supervisor