

Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2020

Present: Tom Snider, Bob Warnke (via phone), Dale Witzke, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers, Jeff Bucholtz & Judy Steckbauer

Absent: None

Others Present: None

Tom Snider proceeded as chairman, per Bob Warnke's request. Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Tom Snider called for Public Comments. None.

Tom Snider requested a motion to go into closed session. Roy Rogers so moved at 1:02 p.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.

Tom Snider requested a motion to come out of closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 1:20 p.m., second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of meeting minutes dated October 12, 2020. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Bob Warnke. All ayes, motion carried.

Tom Snider called for approval of the financial report dated November 9, 2020. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried. Jeff detailed report. Bob Warnke asked question regarding the vouchers not paid line. Jeff explained that this was a roof repair approved last month but work has not yet been completed so invoice not yet received or paid. Prior to end of year, grocery cards from Pick'n Save, Piggly Wiggly & Festival Foods should be purchased. Also, some additional Kwik Trip Gas only cards. Continued discussion on giving funds to FVVC to assist veteran in Winnebago County. This is probably not feasible prior to year end but could those funds be carried over to next year? Commissioners requested that someone from the organization come to the December meeting to discuss this partnership.

Old Business: Jeff stated that as of today's meeting, the office is already over 2019 retro payment total and that was the highest year ever.

Office has been having continuous computer problems due to having to log into the county's system as well as the VA. Due to this, IS is going to replace all of our computer equipment. We will all have lap tops hooked to docking station.

Lowe's had reached out to Jeff on donating goods and services to a veteran's project in Winnebago County. Decision made to do remodeling on inside of club house for the Menasha VFW and paint the outside of the club house for the Oshkosh VFW. There is also discussion on doing something with the flag pole at the Marine Corp League club house. All very worthwhile, much need projects and a thank you to Lowe's for doing this free of charge to the organizations.

Staff still rotating working from home and branch office due to COVID. Jeff has not moved forward with any further discussion on moving Neenah Office due to COVID.

New Business: Tom Snider spoke on a veteran's bill that was passed but no mention of CVSO funding. Both himself and Jeff will do some research for next month's meeting on this issue.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home at King is currently not admitting any new residents due to COVID. No idea when will start admitting again, could be end of week or 6 weeks form now.

The next meeting date is **Wednesday, December 16, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.** at the County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 112 Otter Ave., Oshkosh, WI. Bob Warnke moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer
Veterans Benefits Supervisor