

# Winnebago County Veterans Service Commission

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 16, 2020

**Present:** Tom Snider, Bob Warnke, Dale Witzke, Lucy Burr, Roy Rogers,  
Jeff Bucholtz & Judy Steckbauer

**Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jim Strong, Joe Wilharms, Tim Cody

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

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

Fox Valley Veterans Council (FVVC) presentation. Jeff gave brief introduction. Jim Strong then took over and gave brief history and overview of FVVC. They already serve the northern portion of Winnebago and have partnered with our office on a case by case basis in other areas of Winnebago County. FVVC has already distributed over \$1 million in benefits to veterans. Jeff would like to see some of Winnebago County's Veteran Service Commission fund go to the FVVC where they would match. Winnebago County funds given to FVVC would strictly be distributed to Winnebago County veterans. If a veteran in Winnebago County would request a \$1000, half would come from the funds we give FVVC and half would come from their funds. Because of the matching funds, more veterans could be helped in Winnebago County. VSC would keep some funds to help veterans where they could resolve an issue. FVVC would give quarterly reports to VSC. Outagamie County gives all of their relief funds to FVVC and Leaven. FVVC is a stand-alone group of veterans and not a government entity, therefore they are able to work quickly to resolve issues. A MOU would have to be written. Jim will send a sample MOU to Jeff. From there, Jeff would have to see what has to be done to accomplish this partnership for Winnebago County VSC.

Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. None.

Bob Warnke requested a motion to go into closed session. Tom Snider so moved at 1:25 p.m., second by Lucy Burr. 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 1:40 p.m., second by Lucy Burr. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of meeting minutes dated November 9, 2020. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes, motion carried.

Bob Warnke called for approval of the financial report dated December 16, 2020. Dale Witzke so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes, motion carried. Jeff detailed report. Discussion on funds left. Veteran Service Organizations have been very generous so gift cards are really not needed at this time. Jeff has already purchased some Kwik Trip & Piggly Wiggly cards. Discussion on trying to carryover rest of funds to potentially help with giving funds to FVVC. Amount suggested to give FVVC was \$7,500. Maybe to late in year to accomplish for this year though. Judy also stated that donation funds given to office in 2020 will be carried over to 2021.

**Old Business:** Jeff stated that as of today's meeting, the office is already over 2019 retro payment total. Due to COVID, traffic into office is much less but still a lot of benefits being garnered for Winnebago County veterans. Most business being conduct by mail, phone, fax and email. This practice will probably carryover to beginning of 2021.

**New Business:** Nothing new for legislation.

Recognition and thanks given to Dale Witzke for dedicating 24 years to the VSC. Plaque from Mary Kolar, WDVA Secretary was presented along with a Certificate of Recognition from Tom Snider. Gift was also given from the VSC.

The next meeting date is Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 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