

## VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: MARCH 14, 2013

PRESENT: JOE MAEHL, BOB WARNKE, JIM ROMNEK, TOM SNIDER, DALE WITZKE, ROBERT STONE AND JUDY STECKBAUER

ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: NONE

Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke called for Public Comments. As none, minutes of the February 14, 2013 meeting were read. Bob Warnke requested a motion for the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Tom Snider so moved, second by Dale Witzke. All ayes, motion carried. Bob Warnke requested motion for acceptance of the March 14, 2013 financial report. Joe Maehl so moved, second by Jim Romnek. All ayes, motion carried. Robert brought attention to the fact that there is \$500 in vouchers pending. Distribution about the same as this time last year. Robert will be closely monitoring. Seems like requests coming in for larger amounts which is hard to figure out how to handle. It is illness or employment issues that generally bring veterans to us for this assistance. Just heard that Oshkosh Corp will be cutting back in June which may bring more veterans in.

**Old Business:** Copies of updated guidelines distributed. Some discussion on the word “applications” in #10. Should it be disbursements? OK as is. Some discussion on repayments. Can be used on the “frequent flyers” but benefits specialists need to use their discretion.

**New Business:** February CVSO Report distributed and Robert briefly detailed. Brought attention to the new tracking area of pending actions which was put in instead of transportation. Difference between pending files and pending actions explained. Also detailed graph showing growth of dollars brought into the county over the last 5 years. Over \$20 million in growth. Discussion on WSACVSC phone conference. Trying to focus on new mission, etc. Robert spoke on proposed resolution regarding PTC and verification of 100% service connection. Also a proposal for a gaming program of which revenue would help administer PTC program. Bob Warnke was in Washington last week and visited Petri and Baldwin. Most conversation on transportation issues but he did get a chance to bring up volunteer mileage issue with Petri. It seems as though there will be some follow-up on this issue. Volunteer mileage still only \$.14/mile. The difference between that and the state rate is taxable. Get VSO’s to complain about this issue! Issue will again be put on the agenda.

Tom Snider excused himself as he had another commitment.

Bob Warnke requested motion to go into closed session. Dale Witzke so moved at 11:00 a.m., second by Jim Romnek. Roll Call – Bob Warnke –aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Dale Witzke - aye. 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 motion to come out of closed session. Jim Romnek so moved at 11:50 a.m., second by Dale Witzke. Roll call – Bob Warnke – aye, Joe Maehl – aye, Jim Romnek – aye, Dale Witzke - aye. All ayes, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on April 11, 2013 @ 10:30 a.m. @ the J.P. Coughlin Bldg. 625 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh WI 54901

Dale Witzke moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Maehl. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Steckbauer, Secretary