

MEETING – VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

COMMITTEE: VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION

DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chaney, Savard, Bocek, Rosa

Others Present: Robb Koplien and Alyson Wagoner

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Savard to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chaney , all present voting AYE.

Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2014 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014 meeting, seconded by Savard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON VET CENTER GREEN BAY TRAINING

There has been communication between Todd Stage and the Sheriff’s Department. Todd will be coming to Forest County November 5 or 6 to complete training on PTSD with the Sheriff’s Department employees. Right now this training will only be available to the Forest County Sheriff’s Department. Maybe sometime in the future there can be training available to some of the different posts throughout Forest County.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT IDEA

The Veterans that are being reimbursed by the VA Facilities are now reimbursing the Veterans’ Office if they weren’t already. They are now more aware of the mileage reimbursement process. This has helped decrease the amount of money being withdrawn from the mileage budget. The VSO is also looking at assessing the Veteran’s household income to determine if he/she is financially capable of paying some portion of the expense spent on their transportation to their medical appointment. The VSO has talked to the Iron Mountain Van Service and the van service has agreed to pick up Veterans who live in Laona and east of Laona to take them to their medical appointments. There is a transit commission through Headwaters coming that will serve the Forest County area. This should help decrease the mileage/transportation budget.

BUDGET UPDATE

The budget has been approved for the year 2015.

ALL OTHER ISSUES

The VSO has been publishing information/advertisement in the Office on Aging’s Newsletter monthly.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, seconded by Savard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.