

MEETING – VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

COMMITTEE: VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chaney, Savard, Liesch, Spaude, & Rosa

Others Present: Robb Koplien, Alyson Wagoner, and Paul Millan

APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2014 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting, seconded by Savard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON VET CENTER GREEN BAY TRAINING

Two individuals came from the Green Bay Vet Center and did a presentation for the Forest County Sheriff’s Department on PTSD. There were two classes (one in the morning and one in the afternoon).

DONATION UPDATE

There have been some Veterans who have donated money to the Veterans’ Service Office in gratitude for the services they were provided. When this happens, Robb writes them a receipt and lets them know he can put that money into a donation account. From there Robb takes that money in the donation account and a voucher is distributed to him, where he is able to take it to a gas station and purchase gas cards to disperse to other Veterans in need.

VETERANS RELIEF QUESTION

If a Veteran comes in to the Veterans’ Service Office and needs assistance (gas, heat, electric), what limit should be set for a Veteran to receive during a year? It was decided that depending on the situation, there should be a limit of \$100 per Veteran per year.

ALL OTHER ISSUES

The subject was discussed about the medical escort in the October 16, 2014 meeting. Robb brought in a brochure of the eligibility guidelines for Veterans receiving medical escort. The Transit Commission (Oneida County, Forest County, and Vilas County) is going to meet in February 2015 to hopefully make some decision on going forward with this program. This will allow transportation options for community members.

Robb presented a letter that he has been sending out to widows/widowers in regards to benefits that he/she may be entitled to.

Robb has started on a grant that is due in April 2015.

Paul mentioned that the State Legislatures, Tom Tiffany, Jeffrey Mursau, and Rob Swearingen, are going to be at the Crandon Public Library from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on January 26, 2015, so if there are any issues that would be a good time to discuss those issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Chaney to adjourn, seconded by Savard. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.