

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Thursday February 7th 2019

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Place: Forest County Board Room #107

Call to Order

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and read the agenda.

Roll Call

Members Present: Papapetru, Berg and Chaney.

Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien

Approve Agenda

Motion by Berg to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Papapetru, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

Approve Minutes of the Meeting

Motion by Papapetru, to approve minutes of the Tuesday October 9th, 2018 meeting, seconded by Berg, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

VAMC TOWN HALL Laona – March

VSO reports that Iron Mountain VAMC will be presenting a Town Hall in Laona on March 14th @ the Laona Community Center. VSO explains that this is an informational presentation about what services are newly offered and primarily a Q&A session so if a veteran has questions or issues with healthcare or related this is the time to ask. VSO explains that the leadership from Iron Mountain VAMC are the presenters and will listen to comments and concerns.

Veterans Benefits Expo - 2019

VSO reports that a multi-county Veterans Benefits Expo will be held on Friday April 26th from 0800 – 4:00 p.m. at the Rhinelander National Guard Armory located at 1136 Adams Way. This expo will have County Veterans Service Officers from Forest, Vilas, Oneida, Lincoln, Price & Langlade counties, as well as people from dozens of organizations to include VA Regional Office, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Nicolet Technical College, Department of Workforce Development, VA Medical Center, and many others. There will also be people who can provide information to help veterans with hearing loss, homeless veterans, senior living, heating assistance, filing VA pension and disability claims, and so much more. VSO explains all veterans, family members, survivors, and family care givers of veterans are welcome to attend. This event is free.

Veteran Donation Update

VSO reports receiving multiple checks and cash from families who wanted to donate the office. VSO explains he deposited an amount of \$455 that he has had carried over into 2019. VSO explains he will apply those monies towards gas cards & food vouchers when the need arises.

Veteran Services Donation Resolution Approval

VSO request resolution approval to start a non-lapsing account that will carry donation monies over from year to year without funds going into the general fund. VSO explains that he typically receives donation monies at the end of the year and had to automatically submit voucher request to purchase gas cards & food vouchers. VSO reports that the gas cards hold their value over time if not used but the food vouchers depreciate in value over time and VSO would like the flexibility purchase these when needed.

Motion by Berg to approve resolution be moved to full county board approval of a non-lapsing donation account, seconded by Papapetru, all present voting AYE. Motion carried

Public Comments

NONE

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Berg to adjourn, seconded by Papapetru, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.