

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Monday June 15th

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Forest County Board Room #107

Call to Order

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bocek, Papapetru, Cundiff, Chaney, & Matuszewski (via phone)

Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien, County Board Chair Cindy Gretzinger, Sokoagon Chippewa Health Clinic representatives Rob Quade & Jaime Zarda.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Gretzinger to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Matuszewski, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

Approve Minutes of the Meeting

Motion by Matuszewski, to approve minutes of the Thursday October 17th 2019 meeting, seconded by Gretzinger, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

Veteran Parking Info

VSO reports that he's received numerous positive comments from Veterans in regards to having a designated parking spot outside the courthouse. VSO reports that his widows, elderly and or service connected veterans have greatly appreciated not having to park away long distances during busy court days. VSO also showed a mailing from at the time State Senator Tom Tiffany's Office commending and appreciating the efforts in securing a parking spot for veterans.

Mole Lake Clinic

VSO reports that on January 9th he met with clinic officials in Mole Lake in hopes of trying to promote the Mole Lake Clinic to veterans in the surrounding area. VSO reports that the Mole Lake Clinic offers specialty care such Dental, Chiropractic, Behavioral Health & Podiatry services. VSO also states that he has given them the connections to pursue the option of linking them to the VA Community Care as well. Rob Quade & Jaime Zarda spoke on other services available & how to connect to the VA Community Care Network for coverage.

WDVA GRANT

VSO reports that the WDVA Grant was applied for in January and the maximum grant of \$8500.00 has been received.

American Legion Auxiliary Donation

VSO reports that on February 26, 2020 he received 4- \$50.00 Marathon gas/ gifts cards from the American Legion Auxiliary Post 94 as a donation. VSO states he sent a thank letter in return explaining that the donation supports his efforts in Forest County Veteran Services commitment to helping veterans. VSO further explains that these donations help veterans and widows in financial need and or having certain life catastrophes.

Community Care Contractor Update

VSO reports that the VA Authorized Community Care Contractor Tri-West will soon be changing over to another named Optum. The VA ensures that this will be a smooth transition and veteran really shouldn't see much interruption during the changeover.

CVSO OFFICE UPDATES

VSO reports that he has been in office on regular hours since Tuesday May 26th. VSO does state that he has been provided with (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment to include masks, disinfectant and a glass desk barrier. VSO is taking office visits but recommends phone appointments when able.

Public Comments

NONE

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Matuszewski to adjourn, seconded by Gretzinger, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.