

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Wednesday April 13th 2022

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Place: 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: Chaney, Spaude, Bocek, Papapetru, Matuszewski & Alsteen

Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien, Brian Schultz & County Board Chair Gretzinger

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 Wednesday February 23rd 2022 meeting, seconded by Gretzinger, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

Commission Member resignation

VSO reports that former Laona Marine Corps League CDR Gable Cundiff phoned in his resignation last month due to moving out of state.

Commission Member addition

VSO reports that on 3/24/22 American Legion Post 94 CDR Larry Alsteen accepted position as a Forest County Veterans Commission Member.

Objective Veteran Smile Dental Program

VSO explains that "The Veterans Smile" new program provides that FREE critical dental care for program eligible Veterans in need and which may not be covered by the VA is currently defunct. VSO advises that funding has run out and enrollees are not being contacted. VSO recommends to find other forms of coverage until this is remedied.

Discussion / Action for Commission Assistance Policy, Application for Assistance & Resolution

VSO explains that there is no policy in place for that applies for the administering of county veterans service commission funds that are provided each year through a tax levy. VSO further explains that funds are disbursed to aid needy veterans, spouses, surviving spouses, minor and dependent children of veterans and needy parents of veterans that qualify. VSO further explains that commission funds are

governed under WI State Statue 45.81(c) and that disbursements are approved by the commission and shall not exceed the amount collected from the annual tax levy.

Motion by Matuszewski to approve policy & application for assistance as presented by VSO and send resolution to full county board for approval, seconded by Bocek, all presented voting AYE.

Motion carried

Public Comments

Crandon American Legion Post 94 representative Brian Schultz raised the question about taking care of the Forest County Veterans Memorial that's located on county grounds. VSO states that the building and surrounding grounds were priorly maintained by the now defunct (VMA) or Veteran's Memorial Association. Schultz states that the American Legion Post 94 is willing to take over the responsibility in regards to maintenance of building & upkeep of surrounding grounds. All those in attendance agree with the proposal and that the Crandon American Legion Post 94 can assume responsibility of the Forest County Veterans Memorial Building. VSO reports that to assist Crandon Legion Post 94 he will annually purchase & budget for new POW, WI State & United States flags. VSO he will replace with new flags every year prior to Memorial Day. Schultz also brought up and informed all in attendance about the future plans in regards to the Forest County American Legion baseball team and the proposed baseball field at the City of Crandon Dry Lake or Dead Dogs Valley site. Schultz just wanted to inform the county about the plans and how it could become beneficial for Forest County.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Matuszewski to adjourn, seconded by Chaney, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.