

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Wednesday June 28th 2023

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: County Board Room #107

Call to Order

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chaney, Alsteen, Bocek, Spaude, Thornton & Papapetru

Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien, Board Chair Cindy Gretzinger & Ron Skallerud via phone

Approve Agenda

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

Motion carried

Approve Minutes of prior meeting

Motion by Gretzinger, to approve minutes of the Thursday September 8th 2022 meeting, seconded by Skallerud, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

WDVA CVSO Supplemental Grant Updates

VSO reports that on March 6th of this year he received supplement grant through the WDVA for the amount of \$14228.00. VSO reports that Forest County has completed the required MOU – Memorandum of Understanding regarding use of ARPA State Recovery Funds. VSO reports that this grant will enhance improvement of office services for outreach, advertisement and upgrades. VSO states that grant funds have to be expended by December 31st 2024.

Office Advertising Update

VSO reports that in accordance to the criteria for the WDVA supplemental grant received in March 6th he been enhancing the office advertising by using the monies received on a US HWY 8 - 10x22 billboard, Crandon Area 4X4 ballpark signs and local newspaper ads. VSO states that he will use future monies on office computer upgrades and potentially local television advertising through WAOW Channel 9.

Donations Update

VSO reports that he's received another donation this year from the DAV Auxiliary State Department of Kentucky in the amount of \$188.63. VSO explains that all of these donations are deposited into a non-lapse account that he uses to assist needy veterans, dependents and survivors. VSO report that the account balance is \$2148.63.

Multi County Expo News

VSO states that he participated in a Multi-County Veterans Expo on APRIL 28, 2023 at the HODAG DOME in Rhinelander.

VSO reports that numerous veteran related vendors were on site to answer benefit questions and approximately five hundred plus attended the expo.

NACVSO Conference & Accreditation Update

VSO report that June 4th - 9th he attended the NACVSO Conference at the Monona Terrace Conference Center in Madison WI. VSO states that this was a national conference over five hundred VSO's across the nation in attendance on site. VSO states that this was a worthwhile conference for training and maintaining accreditation with national service organizations like NACVSO, American Legion, VFW and DAV.

Public Comments

VSO advises that he annually purchases cemetery grave flags and wanted to remind each organization that those are always available prior to Memorial Day. VSO states that some organization due pick up annually but knows of others that privately purchase.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Gretzinger to adjourn, seconded by Thornton, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.