

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of January 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norm Bednarek, Chair; John Van Wie, Commissioner; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Rebekka Cary, Assistant CVSO & Assistant Executive Secretary.

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted and the meeting properly noticed. There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved on motion by Miller, seconded by Van Wie. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Miller, seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried.

The Commission's expense report since the last regular meeting was reviewed. All additional expenditures and approval for those expenditures were explained by Cary. Approval of the report was motioned by Van Wie and seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

No new exceptional changes have been made to Federal Veterans Benefits.

Mary Kolar has been selected by Governor-elect Evers to be Secretary of WDVA. She has been given a vote of confidence by Wisconsin CVSO Association President and Dane County CVSO Dan Connery as well as by Previous WI CVSOA President and Oneida County CVSO Tammy Javenkoski.

Cary has been invited by Sauk County CVSO Tony Tyczynski to attend a presentation on Madison VA Critical Incident Liaison Program. The program has been active in Dane County to assist veterans in Crisis. The VA is looking to expand the program to Sauk and Columbia Counties. She will attend the presentation and ascertain the possibility of having it presented to stakeholders in Columbia County. She will review the possibilities of working with Health and Human Services to implement such a program in Columbia County.

No change has been made in CVSO office staff and as of today, Cary is still acting CVSO. The staffing of the office is going to be addressed at the next Executive Committee Meeting on January 7.

Motion by Miller to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85 (1) (f), "considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations." The Committee will return to open session. Second by Bednarek. Roll call vote was unanimous. The Veterans Service Committee went into closed session at 8:46 a.m. with Miller, Bednarek, Van Wie, and Cary attending.

Motion by Miller to return to open session. Second by Bednarek. Motion carried. The Veterans Service Committee returned to open session at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, February 1, 2019 at 8:30 am.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Van Wie. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebekka L Cary, Columbia County Veterans' Assistant Service Officer
and Assistant Executive Secretary, Columbia County Veterans' Service Commission