

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of January 6, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norm Bednarek, Commissioner; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Rich Hasse, CVSO & Executive Secretary. Absent/Excused: John Van Wie, Commissioner.

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 Bednarek. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting on December 9, 2015 were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Bednarek, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last closed meeting on December 9, 2015 were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Miller, seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried.

The Commission's expense vouchers issued since the last regular meeting and the entire year of 2015 were reviewed. Approval of the expense report was motioned by Bednarek and seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Hasse briefed the Commissioners that since there was no increase in the Social Security cost of living allowance (COLA) for 2016, there will also be no increase in the COLA for VA service-connected disability benefits. Hasse also provided a table of the benefit rates for informational purposes. Hasse also provided an updated version of the America's Wars fact sheet which lists all the data of U.S. personnel who served and/or were wounded or killed in all the wars which the United States was involved in, to date.

Hasse displayed to the Commissioners a CVSO promotional poster design which he created using PowerPoint which has been distributed to all 72 Wisconsin CVSOs for their promotional use. He stated that it is also currently being used by the VA Medical Centers in Milwaukee, Madison and Tomah on their informational display monitors which are set up throughout their facilities. He also remarked that he had been in the VAMC in Madison two weeks prior and witnessed it displayed on their central elevator lobby display monitor. Hasse also mentioned that he will be asking the Columbia County Executive Committee to consider allowing him to contract with a billboard company to have the poster displayed along highways in Columbia County and seek reimbursement through the WDVA CVSO Grant Reimbursement Program.

On motion by Miller, the next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2016 at 8:30 am. Seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard E. Hasse, Columbia County Veterans' Service Officer
and Executive Secretary, Columbia County Veterans' Service Commission