

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of January 8, 2021

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Keith Miller, Commissioner; Norman Bednarek, Commissioner; Janis Bauman, Commissioner; and Rebekka Cary, CVSO & 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 Bednarek. 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. Approval of the report was motioned by Bednarek and second by Miller. Motion carried.

Per the Charter and Operating Procedures of The Columbia County Veterans Service Commission, a motion was made by Miller and second by Bauman to appoint Norm Bednarek as Chairperson of the Veterans Service Commission.

Cary informed the commission that three new diseases have been added to the list of presumptive diseases related to Agent Orange Exposure. They are Bladder Cancer, Parkinsonism, and Hyperthyroidism. She is not sure when they will actually begin approving claims for them.

Cary has almost completed the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs CVSO grant and will ensure it is submitted prior to the January 31st deadline.

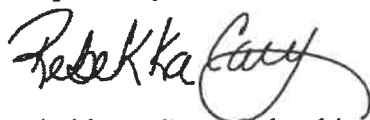
Cary explained the Wisconsin Disabled Veterans and Unremarried Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit and the eligibility criteria. A veteran must be rated 100%. A surviving spouse is eligible if the veteran was rated 100% at the time of death or must be in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. Veterans and / or surviving spouses are still required to pay their property taxes, but can then claim that payment as payable credit on their state income tax return.

The part-time administrative for the CVSO office has been selected. The job offer is pending reference and background check.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2021 at 8:30 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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