

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of January 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Keith Miller, Chairman; Janis Bauman, Commissioner; and Rebekka Cary, CVSO & Executive Secretary.

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted and the meeting properly noticed. Motion by Miller to approve the agenda; second by Bauman. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Miller; second by Bauman. Motion carried.

The expenditures since the last regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the expenditures by Miller; second by Bauman. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller to elect Bauman as the Veterans Service Commission Chairman for 2023. Second by Cary. Motion carried.

There were no Veterans Service Commission application to approve

There have been no major changes in Federal benefits. The passing of the PACT act has continued to keep the office busy. The number of disability claims the office process increased from 198 in 2021 to 289 in 2022. The CVSO office continues to try to find surviving spouses that could be affected by the PACT act.

The application for the WDVA CVSO grant has been submitted. Governor Evers has also pledged some ARPA funds to the CVSOs of Wisconsin. Columbia County's portion would be \$17,528.00. Cary has submitted the required paperwork to apply for those additional funds.

James Bond has been selected as Secretary of the WDVA.

ACVSO Tammi Brueggeman will be holding resource training for service organization service officers and anyone else who wishes to attend on January 24 at 9:00 am and January 26 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Brueggeman and Cary will be starting to attend American Legion and VFW meetings throughout the county on a regular basis.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2023 at 9:00 am.

With there being no other business to attend to, Miller motioned to adjourn, second by Bauman. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebekka Cary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

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