

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of March 12, 2021

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norman Bednarek, Chairman; Keith Miller, 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 Bauman. Motion carried.

There were no expenses since the last meeting.

The House of Representatives has voted and passed a bill to allow VA Medical Center to administer COVID vaccination to all veterans whether they are enrolled in VA Healthcare or not. It has not yet passed the Senate and the logistics are still unknown.

A bill is being proposed at the state level to increase the grant amount to CVSO offices.

Tammi Brueggeman has completed the National Association of County Veteran Service Officer accreditation training. The NACVSO conference that was scheduled in June in Madison, WI was cancelled. The CVSO Association of Wisconsin will now hold a state conference in June in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Miller inquired whether or not a Youth Government Day will be held this year. Bednarek informed the group that it will be held in October. The new format that was used the previous year worked very well and the group enjoyed the day. They will use that same format again.

Miller verified with Bednarek that membership in the American Legion is now open to all who have served. Bednarek confirmed that any person with one day of active duty and an honorable discharge is eligible. This also includes all members of the reserve components who have a DD 214 from basic training.

Miller has had a discussion with Fall River school and they are interested in working with Portage Schools to assist in building the Columbia County cabin at Camp American Legion.

Cary discussed the proposal to move the veteran monument from Good Year Park to the administration building. That project is no longer being looked at, however, money from a previous donation from the Van Wie Foundation was earmarked for it. Miller made a motion that with permission from the current foundation leader, Bruce Rodgers, the money be made available

for granting aid to needy veterans or for the purchase of replacement flag holders. Bauman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cary will contact Bruce Rodgers.

The Columbia County American Legion meeting will be held May 19, 2021 at the American Legion Headquarters.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 at 8:30 am.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Miller motioned to adjourn. Second by Bednarek. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 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.

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