

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of

The Regular Meeting of March 16, 2018

Meeting called to order at 8:43 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norm Bednarek, Chair; John Van Wie, Commissioner; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Richard Hasse, 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 Van Wie. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Van Wie, 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 seconded by Miller. Motions carried.

Hasse advised the Commissioners that the VA has published a memo and informational fact sheet on the billing/payment of Non-VA Emergency Care. Essentially, it reinforces the policy that, "VA is prohibited from reimbursing Veteran OHI (Other Health Insurance) member liabilities such as copayments, cost shares and deductibles." These are contractual obligations of the Veteran with his/her insurance company/policy.

Hasse provided the Commissioners with a data study he performed on the delivery of WDVA-administered veterans benefits at the county level. It illustrates that there has been a precipitous 54.36% drop in delivering such benefits at the county level. Hasse stated he requested the CVSO Association to investigate this serious issue. Hasse then provided a copy of the latest report on "Suicide Among Veterans and Armed Forces" for Wisconsin covering the period of 2010 – 2014. This report is developed and published by National Violent Death Reporting System. Hasse then provided a fact sheet from the Operating Engineers Local 139 in Coloma describing their apprenticeship program.

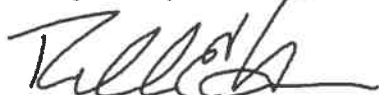
Hasse provided each of the Commissioners a copy of the Columbia CVSO Annual Report and went over the details of it and the data therein.

Hasse provided the Commissioners with a copy of the drawings of the footing and foundation necessary to support the Barker Monument as part of the feasibility study to relocate the monument to a new site, yet to be determined. These drawings will soon also have a materials and cost list attached. This work was provided gratis by Jim Grothman and his associates at Gunderson Construction.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 at 8:30 am, just before the beginning of Columbia County's Youth Government Day. Motioned by Miller, seconded by Van Wie. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Van Wie motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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