

## COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

### Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of May 3, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:37 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norm Bednarek, Chair; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Jon Van Wie, Commissioner; and Rebekka Cary, Assistant CVSO & Assistant 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 Bednarek, seconded by Miller. 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 Miller and seconded by Van Wie. Motion carried.

Procopio v. Wilkie is a court case that could grant "Blue Water" Navy veterans the same benefits as those that served in-country Vietnam. We are still waiting to hear if the VA is going to appeal that decision. The VA is also considering adding 4 new conditions to the Agent Orange Presumptive List.

One application for assistance from the Veterans Relief fund was reviewed. Motion by Miller to approve the application. Second by Van Wie. Motion carried.

There are no new exceptional changes to Federal Benefits benefits.

Secretary Appointee Mary Kolar announced at a town hall meeting that the WDVA Loans will not be returning.

A discussion was had about changes to Application for Assistance. Cary will make the changes and present at the next meeting for final approval.

As of today, Cary is still acting CVSO and Rick Erickson has been hired as an LTE assistant. He will work part time.

County Student Government Day was held April 17. The format changed a bit this year and there were 36 participants. They are thinking of changing the date next year so that it will take place in the fall between fall and winter sports in hopes of getting even more participation. Miller suggested having it close to election day. Bednarek applauded Clerk of Court Sue Raimer for all of her assistance in setting up the schedule.

Cary will be on vacation May 12-18. If Rick is unavailable to work, the office will be closed.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, July 12, 2019 at 8:30 am.

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 9:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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