

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of

The Regular Meeting of July 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

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

The minutes from the last regular meeting and the closed meeting on June 3, 2016 were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Bednarek, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

The Commission's expense vouchers issued since the last regular meeting were reviewed. Approval of the expense report was motioned by Van Wie and seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried.

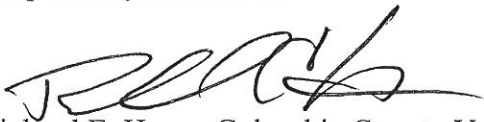
Hasse presented the Commissioners with copies of the news article which discussed the results of the 15-member Commission on Care that was tasked by Congress with studying the transformation of the VA and its healthcare delivery system. The study resulted in several suggestions on privatization of certain aspects of VA Healthcare, but stopped short of complete privatization of the entire VA Healthcare system.

Hasse presented the Commissioners with an article from the Capital Times which discussed at great length many of the issues with expenditures and budget at the WDVA. Much of the focus of the article was in the comparison of the manpower size and payroll expenses of the WDVA's central office in Madison relative to other states in the Midwest. Some discussion was also focused on the Veterans Trust Fund, WI Veterans Homes, Veterans Grants and the CVSO Grants. Another article announced the request for an audit of the WDVA by Senator Robert Wirsch of Somers, WI. Hasse also provided the account by a fellow CVSO in Walworth County of what he witnessed and heard when he attended the WDVA listening session in Lake Geneva on June 28th. Hasse also provided the Commissioners with a copy of the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting on July 11th where he will introduce the two resolutions on the WI GI Bill which he revealed to the Commissioners at the last regular meeting on June 3rd. The Commissioners all volunteered to attend in support and to attend the subsequent Board meeting, in the evening of July 20th, if the Executive Committee approves the resolutions to be forwarded.

On motion by Miller, the next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, August 5, 2016 at 8:30 am. Seconded by Van Wie. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Bednarek motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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