

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of August 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

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

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

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1) (f), motion by Miller to go to closed session to review Veterans Service Commission Fund Applications. Second by Bednarek. Motion carried. The Veteran's Service Commission went into closed session at 8:40 a.m. with Bednarek, Miller, Van Wie, and Cary attending.

Motion by Miller to return to open session. Second by Van Wie. Motion Carried. The Commission returned to open session at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of application for \$1750.00 for rental assistance motioned by Van Wie. Second by Miller. Motion carried.

Denial of application for up to \$1432.17 for miscellaneous expenses motioned by Miller. Second by Van Wie. Motion carried.

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 has officially passed and been signed by the President. Agent Orange Presumptives have been extended to all Navy veterans who were on a ship that sailed within 12 miles of Vietnam. At this time, VA is holding off on deciding any disability claims for these veterans until January 2020, however, the effected veterans should contact the CVSO office to submit a claim.

The American Legion Act has been signed by the President to expand the inclusive dates of eligibility for the American Legion.

There were no new exception State benefits to discuss

A first reading of the revised Operating Procedures for Columbia County Veterans Service Commission was done. Approval was postponed until the following meeting.

Cary announced that Tamra (Tammi) Brueggeman was selected as the Assistant CVSO.

Bednarek discussed the American Legion's Celebration of Freedom. He said plans are coming together nicely. The celebration is being held September 5-8.

Miller discussed the Grand Opening of the new sports complex in Fall River. He stated that all branches will be represented to assist in the ceremony.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2019 at 8:30 am.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Van Wie motioned to adjourn. Second by Bednarek. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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