

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of

The Regular Meeting of August 3, 2018

Meeting called to order at 8:33 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 Bednarek, seconded by Miller. 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. No additional expenditures had occurred since the last meeting. Approval of the report was motioned by Bednarek and seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Hasse provided the Commissioners a recent news article on the latest development on the subject of providing 'Blue Water Navy' veterans with Agent Orange presumptive status. The VA recently briefed the Senate that there is no science behind this proposal and, despite the fact that HR 299 (the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act) was approved unanimously in the House, the VA stated that it is a dangerous precedent to approve such sweeping legislation without sound scientific proof.

Hasse next proved the Commissioners with a news article which announced that Purple Heart Medal recipients will be eligible for commissary privileges and the use of MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) benefit at military installations. This is to take place in 2020. Implementation details will need to be worked out in the mean-time.

Hasse presented the Commissioners with a flyer announcing the schedule of event for the Grand Opening observance of the new county HHA and Administration buildings and the remodeled Courthouse. Discussion followed about the presentation of the flags by the Columbia County American Legion Council. Bednarek and Miller agreed to sit down with County Board Chair Vern Gove to iron out the details of the issue. It was also mentioned that, since Chair Gove will be attending the Council's next meeting in Wisconsin Dells on August 15th, there would also be opportunity to discuss the final details at that time, as well.

Hasse had no updates on the Barker Monument feasibility study to provide the Commissioners.

Cary had nothing new to discuss regarding Federal Veterans Benefits.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, September 7th, 2018 at 8:30 am. Motioned by Van Wie, seconded by Miller. 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 8:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,



For:

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