

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of November 4, 2022

Meeting called to order at 8:02 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Keith Miller, Chairman; Janis Bauman, Commissioner; Norm Bednarek, Commissioner; and Rebekka Cary, CVSO & Executive Secretary.

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted and the meeting properly noticed. Motion by Miller to approve the agenda. Second by Bauman. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Miller, second by Bauman. Motion carried.

There were no expenditures to approve.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1) (f), motion by Bednarek to go to closed session to review Veterans Service Commission Fund Applications. Second by Miller. Motion carried by roll call vote. The Veteran's Service Commission went into closed session at 8:04 a.m. with Miller, Bauman, Bednarek, and Cary attending.

Motion by Miller to return to open session. Second by Bednarek. Motion Carried. The Commission returned to open session at 8:06 am.

Approval of paying up to \$690, \$345 per week for two weeks as needed, for hotel room for homeless veteran motioned by Miller. Second by Bauman. Motion carried.

There have been no major changes in Federal benefits. The passing of the PACT act has continued to keep the office busy. The office is still trying to spread the word about the additional benefits related to the PACT act.

Cary stressed the importance of veterans using the CVSO office to ensure they are maximizing all of the benefits they are eligible for.

Youth Government Day was successful. Two schools with 14 students participated.

Kimberly Clark is still donating paper products that are free to veterans and their families in need. It includes items such as Kleenex, Depends, Poise Pads, wet wipes, and others.

Bednarek would like to have the FLAG program revived. He is going to work with UW Extension to get the curriculum and try to have the Columbia County Council of the American Legion fund and run the program.

The Columbia County Council of the American Legion will be November 16 in Lodi.

The CVSO office will post a listing of all local Veterans Day programs to the Facebook page.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9:00 am.

With there being no other business to attend to, Miller motioned to adjourn, second by Bednarek.
The meeting adjourned at 8:26.

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