

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of November 12, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Norman Bednarek, Chairman; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Janis Bauman, 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. Motion for approval by Bednarek, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. Motion for approval by Bauman, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

There were no expenditures to report.

Motion was made by Miller to accept the reappointment of Jan Bauman as commissioner for a 3-year term. Seconded by Bednarek. 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 by roll call vote. The Veteran's Service Commission went into closed session at 9:01 a.m. with Miller, Bednarek, Bauman, and Cary attending.

Motion by Miller to return to open session. Second by Bauman. Motion Carried. The Commission returned to open session at 9:08 am.

Approval of up to \$1000 for assistance in paying for moving a veteran motioned by Miller. Second by Bednarek. Motion carried.

Bednarek stated he had read some information about the VA Home Loan that he previously had not known. Cary explained that the VA Home Loan can be used multiple times. If after the purchase of one home, there is any entitlement remaining, it can be used to purchase a second home. When using a VA loan, the home being purchased must be the primary residence at the time of purchase. The full entitlement is also restored once all current VA loans are paid off. If a veteran has a service-connected disability rating, the funding fee is waived.

US Army veteran, Lieutenant Colonel Darcie Greuel, was named WDVA 2021 Veteran of the Year.

Cary met with Joe Ruf, the Columbia County Corp Counsel regarding the current proposed legislation SB 243 and AB 245. He will create a resolution for the commission as well as for the full board.

The Corp Counsel also reviewed the Charter and Operating Procedures of the Columbia County Veterans Service Commission and advised that all processes were within county regulations.

Columbia County Council of the American Legion meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rio American Legion.

The American Legion Mid-Winter meeting will be in January at Ho-Chunk.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, December 10, 2021 at 9:00 am.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Miller motioned to adjourn. Second by Bauman. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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 of the name.

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