

Veterans Service Commission  
Minutes of Meeting November 22, 2017

The meeting of the Dodge County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) was called to order by Chairperson Caine at 9:35 a.m., November 22, 2017 in room 253 of the Dodge County Administration building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

Pledge of Allegiance spoken.

Roll Call is conducted.

Members present: Chairperson Chester Caine (Lowell), Vice-Chairperson Robert Patrouille (Waupun)

Members absent: Dennis Johnson (Watertown) Arrived at (9:47 a.m.)

Others present: Andy Miller, Dodge County Veterans Service Officer & VSC Secretary

Adopted amended agenda, Motion by Patrouille, seconded by Caine.

Public Comment – Johnson asked about how the commission can get more in the papers and radio regarding what we do. CVSO will send press release to him and let know.

VSC elections were held. Patrouille motioned to nominate Caine for Chairperson, seconded by Johnson. Voted unanimously and approved. Caine motioned to nominate Patrouille for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Johnson. Voted unanimously and approved.

It was motioned, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2016 VSC meeting.

The adopted VSC and VSO budgets were discussed. The budgeted amount is \$8,000 with \$4,000 balance applied. Questions were asked about flags and flag holders. After discussion it was determined to go with metal flag holders instead of the plastic. It was suggested by Johnson that cemeteries should leave the flag holder in, and that only flags should be pulled between holidays.

Communications were shared, a discussion about services occurred after Miller summarized for the commission the positive and negative communications that have been received by the office.

Upon a motion made by Patrouille, seconded by Johnson, and carried unanimously using a roll call vote, the VSC convened in closed session at 10:31 a.m. for the purpose of review of personal, financial, and medical history information over which the VSC has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility in accordance with Section 19.85(1) (f) of the Wisconsin Statutes, (Report of distribution of VSC funds were distributed and then collected from VSC members). Discussed VSC payments made.

Upon a motion made by Patrouille, seconded by Johnson, and carried, the VSC reconvened in open session at 10:54a.m.

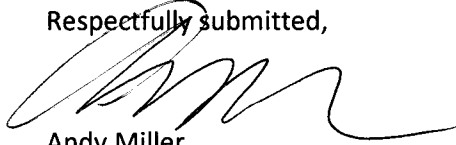
Miller briefed the new WDVA and USDVA procedures and updates since last year. Items discussed were the new Decision Ready Claims and Direct Upload Tools for USDVA and the WI GI Bill and potential property tax credit changes proposed in the State Assembly. Tracking of medical supplies and equipment by the VSC consolidated for the county was suggested by Johnson.

Under agenda item of commission members matters not subject to adoption: Johnson asked about what funeral homes need educated on services available and procedure. Patrouille asked about state

grant money and CVSO gave brief on how it is reverted to a block grant and that there is no longer a need for filing for reimbursements. Johnson briefed about upcoming Watertown Military Show for 2018

Upon a motion made by Johnson, seconded by Patrouille, and carried by unanimous vote, the VSC adjourned at 11:22a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AM', written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Andy Miller

Dodge County Veterans Service Commission Secretary