



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Tom Snider called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

Present: Roy Rogers, Tom Snider, Tim Paterson, Jerry Schultz (present by phone)

Others Present: Jon Plato & Zak Zuehlisford

B. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Tom Snider made a motion for acceptance of the meeting agenda. Jerry Schultz so moved, second by Roy Rogers. All ayes; motion carried.

C. Public Comments

Tom Snider called for public comments. There are no public comments.

D. Approval of Minutes

Tom Snider requested a motion for the approval of the meeting minutes dated 11/14/2024. Tim Paterson so moved, second by Jerry Schultz. All ayes; motion carried.

1. November 14, 2024 Minutes

E. Reports and Updates

1. General Office Updates

- *Jon Plato successfully completed the Advanced Appeals Course offered through NACVSO*
- *Lydia Wilz successfully completed the first course of the Certified Veterans Advocate Course.*
- *Retro-Payments this year are currently at \$5,334,474. Last year we were at \$4,596,912. We are on course to break \$5 Million.*

- *NACo County News Article from 11.04.2024*

This was discussed in November's Meeting.

- *Director's Letter of Introduction*

This was discussed in November's Meeting.

2. Federal, State, and Local Legislative Updates

- *Tom Snider discussed the Elizabeth Dole Act and the effect it will have on the US over the next few years.*

F. Closed Session

We will convene in closed session for the purpose of acting on applications for financial, medical, social, or personal histories for such applicants, which if discussed in public would be likely to have

a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or date, as provided in sec. 19.85[f], Wisconsin State Statute.

Tom Snider made a motion to go into closed session. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Tom Snider. All ayes; motion carried.

1. Review confidential case applications for aid under Wisconsin Statutes 45.81(3)

Tom Snider made a motion to come out of closed session. Tom Snider so moved, second by Tim Paterson. All ayes; motion carried.

G. Financial Report

1. Approval of applications for aid under Wisconsin State Statute 45.81(3) and review of remaining aid to needy veterans under Wisconsin State Statute 45.86.

Approval of \$523 was voted upon in closed session for emergent assistance. Discussions were had regarding how to further assist veterans with the remaining funds. The VSC voted to purchase some Chamber Bucks as this is a quick way to cover hotel costs; this was a bulk of our need this year with homeless veterans.

2. Veteran Service Commission Financial Report

H. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is January 9th, 2025 at 11:00 am at the James P. Coughlin Center 25 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901

I. Adjourn

At 11:25 am, Tom Snider made a motion to adjourn. Roy Rogers so moved, second by Tim Paterson. All ayes; motion carried.