

The meeting of the Dodge County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) was called to order by Chairman Caine at 9:00 AM August 13, 2013, room 253 of the Dodge County Administration building, located at 127 East Oak St, Juneau WI followed by the pledge of allegiance being recited by all.

Members present: Chairperson Chester Caine, Robert Patrouille, and Dennis Johnson

Members absent: None

Others present: Mark Grams, Dodge County Veterans Service Officer and VSC secretary

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the VSC meeting of August 7, 2012 and approved unanimously.

Grams distributed an eight page document composed by the legislative chair of the County Veterans Service Officers Association of Wisconsin that highlighted the veterans' issues in the state of Wisconsin's 2014-2015 budget. Grams explained in depth the changes to the WI GI bill which has been expanded to include veterans that have five years of Wisconsin continuous residency immediately prior to the semester they apply for school. It also eliminated the spouse's delimiting date for 30% and higher service connected disabled veterans.

The WI property tax credit for veterans and surviving spouses has been expanded to include those surviving spouses that are eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the VSC grant application dated 08/2012 with the minor administrative changes made after the last VSC meeting.

The proposed 2014 VSC budget was briefed/proposed by Grams and after discussion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously with a roll call vote to approve the VSC budget as proposed. The budgeted amount is \$6000.00 with no balance applied.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously authorizing the VSC secretary to use the VSC balance amount if the budgeted amount is insufficient to assist the needy veterans of Dodge County. It is not to exceed the amount of the balance of the VSC on account. This authority is for the 2014 calendar year and forward until further notice.

There was no communications received.

Upon a motion duly made and carried, the VSC convened in closed session at 10:37 AM for the purpose of review and consideration of personal, financial, medical and social history information over which the VSC has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility in accordance with Section 19.85(l)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes. (Report of distribution of VSC funds to include denials were distributed and then collected from all VSC members).

The VSC reconvened in open session at 10:58 AM after short break.

Grams briefed the VSC members on the Veterans Service Officer's budget to include the proposal to reduce the typist II position from full time to three quarters time. There were no objections raised by the VSC members.

Chet Caine does have a desire to serve on the VSC for another term and will make that request to the Dodge County Board chairperson before 12/01/2013.

Under commission members matters not subject to adoption:

Patrouille asked Grams to explain the situation at the new Chippewa Falls veterans' nursing home. Grams explained that it was a state of Wisconsin facility that was contracted to a private company to administer with Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs providing oversight.

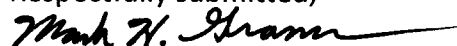
Chairman Caine asked for clarification on the reason the VSC is required to pay for and be "bonded". Grams did not have the answer, but offered to communicate with James Mielke for an answer which would then be forwarded to the members of the VSC.

There was no public present for comment.

Caine was again elected to the chairperson position with Patrouille again elected as vice chairperson.

The VSC adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark H. Grams

Dodge County Veterans Service Commission Secretary