

## **VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 25, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI

Meeting called to order by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk at 5:00 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Deric Bilgrien, Benjamin Greiner, Theodore Harvey, Richard Lapp, Douglas Moquin, Gayle Redmond, Mitchell Surman.

Also present – Tony Lueck, Nick Trimner

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Elect Chairperson: Doug Moquin nominated himself for Chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Lapp/Harvey to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Doug Moquin for Commission Chairperson. Motion carried. Mr. Moquin took over running of the meeting.
2. Elect Vice-chairperson: Mitch Surman nominated himself for Vice-chairperson. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Harvey/Lapp to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mitch Surman for Commission Vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment and Communications: None.
4. Adopt By-laws: Discussion of the new by-laws. Motion Redmond/Harvey to approve the by-laws as presented. Motion carried.
5. Commission Function: Tony discussed what the members could be tasked with as “ambassadors” in area communities. Reach out and listen to comments, questions and concerns of area veterans. Provide information and direct them to veteran services that are available and be aware of the changes in the services. Will also review activity in the Veterans Relief Fund. Suggestion of having County Veterans Service Officer business cards available for the members to have and hand out to their contacts. Members commented that the monthly newsletter is a very good tool. Discussed topics for educating the members in assisting and providing information to veterans on services available.
6. Next meeting: April 28<sup>th</sup>.
7. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.
8. Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk