

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 8, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk at 3:00 p.m. Roll Call: Present: Benjamin Greiner, Richard Lapp, Douglas Moquin, Gayle Redmond. Excused: Mitchell Surman. Absent: Deric Bilgrien, Ted Harvey. Also present: Tony Lueck

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Members will post agendas in their areas to get more information out.
2. Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2022: Motion Greiner/Lapp to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. County Veterans Service Office Updates: Price County VSCO has been asked to back serve Lincoln County until their new person gets accredited. Free tickets and parking to the Milwaukee Zoon. New mental health coordinator at Tomah. Have requested a meeting with them to discuss providing mental health services for Price County. Veterans Telehealth is no longer operating. Service is being offered via a setup in the VSCO.
4. Transportation Policy: Costs continue to rise. VSCO is promoting self-transport and offering gas cards for assistance. Motion Lapp/Greiner to increase the mileage rate charged from \$.25 per mile to \$.30 per mile, to be reviewed at the next meeting. Motion carried.
5. Needy Veteran Lodging: Nothing new.
6. Customer Surveys: Have been reviewed by the County Board Chair.
7. Welcome Home Event: Scheduled for Park Falls this year. Will contact the Park Falls American Legion to host and plan the event.
8. Upcoming Veterans Events: Third Thursday in July from 10am – 5pm at the Armory in Phillips. To include information for all range of veterans, family and the public. Local veteran groups can take care of providing food booths. Motion Greiner/Lapp to support the Veterans Outreach Day scheduled for July 21st at the Phillips Armory. Motion carried. Discussed promotion of the event. Members will post flyers. (Note: date changed to July 28th)
9. Next meeting Date: September 7th at 3pm.
10. Future Agenda Items: Transportation policy. Event reports. CVSO services at neighboring counties. Price County mental health services.
11. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk