

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 10, 2021

WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL

8:30 AM

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO COMPLY WITH THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND WISH TO SPEAK, PLEASE CALL THE DIAL IN NUMBER AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME ON THE AGENDA. IF YOU NEED TO EITHER MUTE OR UNMUTE YOURSELF DURING THE MEETING, PRESS *6.

MEETING PHONE NUMBER: 1-415-655-0001

MEETING NUMBER [ACCESS CODE]: 182 378 7869

MEETING PASSWORD: 37569697

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13 (Chair)	Present	
Phillip Sarazen	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Present	
CW King	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Remote	
Richard VanderMolen	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Remote	

Others present: Peter Johnston
Recorder: Amanda Richardson

3. INTRODUCTION NEW MEMBER

4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

5. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard VanderMolen, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Hunt, Sarazen, McMenamin, King, VanderMolen

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Veterans Service Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Webex Conference Call

May 10, 2021
8:30 AM

Veterans Service Commission - Regular Meeting - Jan 11, 2021 8:30 AM

3. Schedule next meeting date - July 12, 2021

6. REPORTS

A. General Reports

1. Update on Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls - Phillip Sarazen
Phillip Sarazen stated all is going well at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls. They currently have 71 out of 72 beds filled with the one bed to be filled by Wednesday of next week. Supervisor Hunt questioned how many are on the waiting list in which Sarazen stated over 100 people so far.

B. Veteran's Service Officer's Report

1. Discuss and Update on Veteran's Relief Fund
Veterans Service Director, Peter Johnston, stated that so far year to date we have given out 1 gas card.
2. Update on Memorial Day Activities
Veterans Service Director, Peter Johnston, stated he has reached out to the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner and they indicated they will be offering an online ceremony on Memorial Day. Johnston also will be reaching out to Leroy Jansky to see if there is anything locally or if limited to virtual ceremonies. Phillip Sarazen indicated they usually have a parade in town but he is unsure as well what the plans will be for that this year.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
SECONDER:	Richard VanderMolen, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Hunt, Sarazen, McMenamin, King, VanderMolen

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021
WEBEX CONFERENCE CALL
8:30 AM

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MEETING PHONE NUMBER: 1-415-655-0001

MEETING NUMBER [ACCESS CODE]: 126 823 8991

MEETING PASSWORD: 834 92 459

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt called to the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 13 (Chair)	Remote	
Phillip Sarazen	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep (Vice-Chair)	Remote	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4	Remote	
Lyle Adrian	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Remote	8:35 AM
Richard VanderMolen	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

Others present: Peter Johnston; Rainy Foiles; Amanda Richardson

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion [VanderMolen/McMenamin] to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0 by individual roll call.
Next meeting March 8, 2021 at 8:30 am.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard VanderMolen, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4
AYES:	Hunt, Sarazen, McMenamin, Adrian, VanderMolen

1. Approve the agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 11, 2021 8:30 AM (Consent Agenda)

Veterans Service Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Webex Conference Call

January 11, 2021
8:30 AM

Veterans Service Commission - Regular Meeting - Jul 13, 2020 8:30 AM

3. Schedule next meeting date - March 9, 2021

5. REPORTS

A. Veteran's Service Officer's Report

1. Introduction of the newly appointed Veterans Service Director.
New Veteran Service Officer Peter Johnston. Johnston summed up the attachment that prior to employment with the County he worked at UW River Falls in the Educational benefits for Veterans, lives in Eau Claire with his wife and dog.
2. Discuss and Update on Veteran's Relief Fund
Johnston reported that the end balance for 2020 was \$2,830.00 after providing funds for mostly gas/food cards and a request for housing due to a veteran being displaced by a fire.

Sarazen and Hunt inquired of the balance going back to the general fund. Foiles stated that the \$2,830 should go into the Veteran's non-lapsing fund. If 2021 budget exceed the \$4,000 allotted, the excess will be pulled from the non lapsing fund.
3. Review and Discuss 2021 Budget
Johnston reported that the budget was approved by the Executive Committee who is now the governing committee for the office. It was approved for the Veteran's Relief fund to be given \$4,000.

6. GENERAL REPORTS

1. Update on Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls - Phillip Saraze
Sarazen reported that the members and staff will be getting the COVID vaccine this week.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

Adrian inquired that since the courthouse and office are closed, if someone can still make an appointment. Foiles stated that the veteran and/or family can call and we will schedule a phone appointment to file a claim. Phone appointments have been working well, with information going through regular mail and/or email.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

9. ADJOURN

Motion [VanderMolen/Sarazen] made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0 by individual roll call. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 11, 2021 8:30 AM (Consent Agenda)



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON WISCONSIN VETERAN'S HOME IN CHIPPEWA FALLS -
PHILLIP SARAZEN

6.A.1

The Wisconsin Veterans Home @ Chippewa Falls is a 72-bed skilled nursing facility, designed to have two “neighborhoods” each having two 18-bed households. Director of Environmental Services provides an on-going up date with activities, projects and members.

History:

05/08/17	Veterans Service Commission
09/11/17	Veterans Service Commission
11/13/17	Veterans Service Commission
01/08/18	Veterans Service Commission
03/12/18	Veterans Service Commission
05/14/18	Veterans Service Commission
09/10/18	Veterans Service Commission
11/12/18	Veterans Service Commission
01/14/19	Veterans Service Commission
03/11/19	Veterans Service Commission
05/13/19	Veterans Service Commission
07/15/19	Veterans Service Commission
09/09/19	Veterans Service Commission
11/18/19	Veterans Service Commission
01/13/20	Veterans Service Commission
03/09/20	Veterans Service Commission
05/11/20	Veterans Service Commission
07/13/20	Veterans Service Commission
01/11/21	Veterans Service Commission



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
DISCUSS AND UPDATE ON VETERAN'S RELIEF FUND**

6.B.1

Each County Commission consisting of at least 3 residences of the county who are veterans appointed for staggered 3-year terms review emergency funds provided to eligible veterans.

History:

05/08/17	Veterans Service Commission
09/11/17	Veterans Service Commission
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01/08/18	Veterans Service Commission
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01/14/19	Veterans Service Commission
03/11/19	Veterans Service Commission
05/13/19	Veterans Service Commission
07/15/19	Veterans Service Commission
09/09/19	Veterans Service Commission
11/18/19	Veterans Service Commission
01/13/20	Veterans Service Commission
03/09/20	Veterans Service Commission
05/11/20	Veterans Service Commission
01/11/21	Veterans Service Commission



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES - LEROY JANSKY**

6.B.2

Discuss on Memorial Day Activities in Chippewa County and surrounding areas.

History:

03/12/18	Veterans Service Commission
05/13/19	Veterans Service Commission