

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 23, 2022
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER - PETER JOHNSTON

Meeting called to order by Foiles, Benefits Services Specialist for the Veterans Office at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Dean Mueller	Chippewa County	District 20	Present	
Annette Hunt	Chippewa County	District 18	Present	
Phillip Sarazen	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Absent	
CW King	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	
Richard VanderMolen	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Excused	

Others present: Rainy Foiles

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

None

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Election of Chair

Foiles entertained a motion for nomination of Chair. Mueller made a motion to nominate Hunt. Foiles asked three additional times for further nominations; being none, nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous, Hunt is chair.

B. Election of Vice Chair

Hunt entertained a motion for nomination of vice chair. Hunt made a motion to nominate King. Hunt asked three additional times for further nominations; being none, nominations were closed. Vote was unanimous, King is vice chair.

C. Establish regular meeting date and time

Foiles reported that this Commission has met every other month, second Monday of the month at 8:30 AM. Next meeting will be July 11, 2022. Motion [King/Mueller] to approve the next meeting dates, starting July 11, 2022 to be every other month, second Monday, commencing at 8:30 AM. Passed 3-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion [Mueller/King] to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Veterans Service Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Chippewa County Courthouse, Rm 302

May 23, 2022
8:30 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
SECONDER:	CW King, Citizen Rep
AYES:	Mueller, Hunt, King
ABSENT:	Sarazen
EXCUSED:	VanderMolen

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

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

6. REPORTS

A. Veteran's Service Officer's Report

1. New Member Orientation
Foiles reported that Mueller is the only new member. Explained that the commission provides financial assistance to veterans and their dependents who are in need; the commission oversees the relief funds; and the office reports to the Executive Committee. According to state statute, the commission consists of at least 3 residents of the county and the other two members are appointed from the County Board.
2. Discuss and Update on Veteran's Relief Fund
Foiles reported that the Commission funds allotted is \$4,000 for the year 2022. There has been only one request for assistance for eviction and shut off notice to date, with the application not being returned as of this date. Most requests come for gas and/or food cards. The office does work with other organizations if we cannot alone help the veteran and dependents. There is a one page application along with a copy of the notices of either eviction and shut off that needs to be completed.

B. General Reports

1. Update on Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls - Phillip Sarazen
Foiles reported that she believes they are at capacity or maybe one vacancy after talking with the Admissions Director last week.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Hunt requested a tour be scheduled for the WI Veterans Home @ Chippewa Falls and the Veterans Housing Recovering Program (VHRP) for the new members.

8. ADJOURN

Motion [King/Mueller] to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 AM. Motion carried 3-0.

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May 23, 2022
8:30 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	CW King, Citizen Rep
SECONDER:	Dean Mueller, District 20
AYES:	Mueller, Hunt, King
ABSENT:	Sarazen
EXCUSED:	VanderMolen

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
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REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2021
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM by Vice Chair Sarazen

2. ROLL CALL

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

Others present: Peter Johnston; Rainy Foiles

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion [McMenamin/VanderMolen] to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0. Next meeting January 10, 2022 at 8:30 AM.

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

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Veterans Service Commission - Regular Meeting - May 10, 2021 8:30 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - JANUARY 10, 2022, 8:30 AM

5. REPORTS

A. General Reports

1. Update on Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls - Phillip Sarazen

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

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Chippewa County Courthouse, Rm 302

November 8, 2021
8:30 AM

Sarazen reported that out of the 72 bed facility, 70 beds are occupied with the other two being filled this week. 98% of members and 90-92% of staff is vaccinated. They will have a private in house program for Veterans Day not open to the public. If there was a positive COVID test, they would have to close down the facility.

B. Veteran's Service Officer's Report

1. Update on Office Remodel

Johnston reported that we are temporarily in Room 001, lower level of the courthouse since last month while the main office, Room 113, is remodeled. They currently have the floors stripped and waiting on permits. Projected completion is March/2022.

2. Update on Veteran's Day Activities

Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council will have activities throughout the week. Tuesday, November 9th they will be at the Chippewa Manor Assisted Living at 8:00 am. Thursday, November 11th they will start at Hillcrest Elementary School at 8:00 am; McDonnell Central Catholic High School at 9:00 am; Stillson Elementary School at 10:45 am; Liberty Christian School at 11:15 am; Chippewa County Courthouse-Veterans Memorial Monument at 12:00 pm; Southview Elementary School at 1:30 pm. Johnston will also be at Culvers in Hallie/Chippewa Co to greet and meet veterans and families where he is able to hand out brochures.

3. Discuss Outreach Opportunities

Johnston reported that he started outreach within Chippewa County, Bloomer being the first. Due to demographics/COVID only a few attended. He plans to be at towns/cities of Cadott, Cornell, Boyd/Stamley with possibilities of working with Clark Co Veterans Office as part of Stamley is in both counties. He is currently meeting at libraries or any open facility. If there is more of a need as a group, he will be at the Veterans Organizations monthly meetings.

4. Discuss and Update on Veteran's Relief Fund

Johnston reported that due to COVID, there have not been many requests. When we get a request we work with SSVF [Supportive Services for Veterans Families] and VORP [Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program].

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

None

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None

8. ADJOURN

Motion [VanderMolen/McMenamin] to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 AM. Motion carried 4-0.

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