

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
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

Veterans Service Commission

Minutes
Regular Meeting

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.

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

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MEETING PASSWORD: 37569697

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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

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 10, 2021 8:30 AM (Consent Agenda)

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.

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

5.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
05/10/21	Veterans Service Commission



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON OFFICE REMODEL**

5.B.1

Update on temporary location, remodel, and expected return.



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
UPDATE ON VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES - LEROY JANSKY**

5.B.2

Chairman Jansky to report on Veteran's Day activities for Chippewa County.

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11/18/19	Veterans Service Commission



**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
DISCUSS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

5.B.3

Discuss the Outreach Opportunities for Chippewa County Veterans.

History:

09/09/19 Veterans Service Commission



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

5.B.4

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.

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