

**Chippewa County
Veterans Service Commission
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
8:30 AM**

1. Call to Order

Peter Johnston called the meeting to order at 08:31 AM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: David Kelly, Lee Hennick, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Members Absent: Philip Sarazen
Others Present: Peter Johnston, Wendy Krumenauer, Jaclyn Sadler

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Richard VanderMolen
Second:	David Kelly
Ayes:	David Kelly, Lee Hennick, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Nays:	None
Absent:	Philip Sarazen

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - November 10th, 2025

5. Business Items

1. Elect the Chair

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Richard VanderMolen
Second:	David Kelly
Ayes:	David Kelly, Lee Hennick, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Nays:	None
Absent:	Philip Sarazen

Supervisor Kelly nominated Supervisor Hennick for Chair.

2. Elect the Vice-Chair

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Richard VanderMolen
Second:	Lee Hennick
Ayes:	David Kelly, Lee Hennick, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Nays:	None
Absent:	Philip Sarazen

3. Establish the Regular Meeting Date/Time

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	David Kelly
Second:	Richard VanderMolen
Ayes:	David Kelly, Lee Hennick, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Nays:	None
Absent:	Philip Sarazen

Motion to move the meetings from 8:30 am to 8:00 am and keep the same day - every other month on the second Monday.

6. Reports

1. Update on Agenda Management Software and Agenda Notifications - Jaclyn Sadler

County Clerk, Jaclyn Sadler, showed the commission how to sign up for meeting notifications.

2. Discuss Wisconsin Veteran's Home @ Chippewa Falls - Phil Sarazen

Phil Sarazen was absent from the meeting. However, Peter Johnston spoke briefly on the Veteran's Home.

3. Discuss Veteran Relief Fund - Peter Johnston

Peter Johnston spoke on the item and explained that they have given out several gas cards and food gift cards this year and may need to tap into the non-lapsing fund if more requests come in.

4. Discuss Memorial Day Activities - Peter Johnston

Peter Johnston told the commission that the Chippewa Valley Patriotic Council would be coming the courthouse on Friday for a Memorial Day ceremony.

5. Review Veterans Office Dashboard Data - Peter Johnston

Peter Johnston reviewed the data on the dashboard.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Chair Hennick would like to see the # of veterans are being served in Dunn, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties and the amount of dollars being spent by the VA per veteran.

Mr. Vandermolen would like the department to look into the Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Fund for purchasing flags and to bring that information back to the commission.

Peter Johnston informed the commission that the department will be working on a policy regarding veterans requesting funds to bring forward for review.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 09:20 AM

Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Richard VanderMolen
Second:	David Kelly
Ayes:	David Kelly, Lee Hennick, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Absent:	Philip Sarazen