

**MINUTES OF THE  
CALUMET COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
July 21, 2021 (9:00 A.M.)**

Dave LaShay called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. The meeting was properly announced and posted, and a quorum of members was present.

**2. ROLL CALL (Committee Member Attendance):**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave LaShay, Bill Grube, Joe Mueller, and CVSO Greg Brittnacher

ABSENT: N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jerome Ott, VFW Post 3153 and Daniel De Troye, VFW Post 3153 & DAV Chapter 65

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by J. Mueller and SECONDED by B. Grube to approve the agenda for July 21, 2021. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (April 21, 2021 meeting)

MOTION by B. Grube and SECONDED by J. Mueller to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**7. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT** – Given by CVSO G. Brittnacher:

- A. Addressed specific needs for the 2022 budget. Specifically; additional funding for flag holders and flags.
- B. Discussed the need to transition the Administrative Assistant position to an Assistant County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) position. The current role of the position has changed by doing more claims and providing additional direct services to the public. Also, it ensures that the department is set up to ensure there are no gaps in services if anything would happen to the CVSO.



- C. Discussed the fiscal year 2022 increase in the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) CVSO grant from \$11,500 to \$12,650. I also mentioned legislation (SB-157/SB-173) proposed by Senator Jacques that would increase the grant to \$25,000.
- D. Discussed Evan's Detailing & Polishing Fundraiser raised \$27,000 to help those Veterans and their dependents who are in need. Our office has already used some of these funds to address some of the unique needs that the Veterans Service Commission cannot provide.

**8. REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS** – Chairperson LaShay requested that the CVSO update the committee on approximately how many Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Veterans we have within Calumet County. The CVSO will report his findings at the next meeting. Chairperson LaShay also wanted to reiterate the three new Agent Orange Presumptive conditions: Bladder Cancer, Hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS** – Daniel De Troye, VFW wanted to know again why the CVSO is unable to release the names and address of recently discharged Veterans. The CVSO will bring the guidelines that the department has to follow based on the Release of Names and Addresses (RONA) general guidelines. The CVSO will update the VFW at the next meeting. Daniel De Troye, VFW also will give the CVSO the contact information for a Calumet County resident who will install aluminum ramps at no cost for Veterans.

**10. ITEMS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION –**

- A. Updated the Committee that the VSC has provided assistance to three Veterans since our last meeting. In addition to that the CVSO partnered with the VFW and Evan's polishing to further support Veterans who were in need of assistance.

**11. DISCUSS NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting has tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9: 37 A.M., MOTION by D. LaShay and SECONDED by J. Mueller to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Greg Brittnacher, VSC Committee Member & Recording Secretary  
UNAPPROVED