



## Winnebago County Veterans Affairs Commissioners Board Meeting

**Monday, April 22, 2024 – 10:00 am**

**Winnebago Co Health Department Board Room**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge**

Present: Steve Bosma, Troy Thompson and Mary Lou Kleveland; Absent: Dave Peterson

**2. Review and Approval of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The March monthly meeting minutes were reviewed. Bosma motioned, seconded by Thompson to approve the March minutes. All in favor. March minutes were approved.

**3. Veteran Services Officer Report**

- a. Monthly VA numbers: Mary Lou shared the statistics for March 2024.
- b. County Outreach Efforts – There were no outreach events for March 2024. Thompson and Bosma requested that Mary Lou make visits to the five local nursing homes on a quarterly basis at minimum. Both felt this was important as a community outreach as well as to connect with veterans and their survivors to discuss possible benefits for them.
- c. Review Monthly Expenditure Report for Approval - The commissioners and Mary Lou reviewed the expenditures for March. Bosma motioned and Thompson seconded to approve the March expenditures. All in favor. The March expenditure report was approved and the commissioners signed off on the report.

**4. Old Business**

- a. New door sign for VA office – Mary Lou advised that Bison Graphics had been able to design a new door sign for the Winnebago County VA office. Bison Graphics will install the door sign but cannot install the sign when it is windy. As soon as there is a calm day, the sign will be installed.

**5. New Business – VA New and Emerging Information**

- a. VA New and Emerging Information – Mary Lou presented an application for review and possible approval for financial assistance from the Winnebago Co VA. Mary Lou explained the needs of the veteran and shared the information from his application. The veteran is in need of assistance with his utility bill from Heartland Cooperative. The bill is usually around \$450.00 but varies from month to month. Thompson motioned to pay the upcoming bill (not past due amount) for the veteran. Bosma seconded. All in favor. Winnebago Co VA will pay the utility bill for the veteran.
- b. Report on IACVSO Mandatory Spring Training – Mary Lou reported that she had attended spring training the week before and found both the training and the networking with other VSOs to be very valuable. In addition, Mary Lou shared about a new law that had just passed providing an additional \$3,000 each fiscal year to be used for VSOs to attend training with a special emphasis on attending National Training which is much more expensive to attend than other trainings.
- c. Next Meeting Date: May 20, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Winnebago County Courthouse

**Adjournment** – Thompson motioned; Bosma seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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