



## Winnebago County Veterans Affairs Commissioners Board Meeting

Monday, July 22, 2024 – 10:00 am

Winnebago Co Health Department Board Room

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

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

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

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

**3. Veteran Services Officer Report**

a. Monthly VA numbers: Mary Lou shared the statistics for June 2024.

b. County Outreach Efforts – Mary Lou reported that she had attended the Home Base Iowa Dedication for Lake Mills on July 12<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Melissa Michaelis, Winn-Worth Betco Director, mayor and city clerk of Lake Mills, the director of the Home Base Iowa program, Jim Oberhelman, regional director for Congressman Randy Feenstra and Sara Cook, Iowa Work Force Development. Lake Mills is the second Winnebago community to become a Home Base Iowa community. The event was a great opportunity to meet and interact with others who are supporting veterans.

c. Review Monthly Expenditure Report for Approval - The Commissioners and Mary Lou reviewed the expenditures for June and the end of FY 23-24. Bosma motioned and Thompson seconded to approve the June expenditures. All in favor. The June expenditure report was approved and the Commissioners signed off on the report. Mary Lou submitted the second quarterly report for the Veteran Affairs office to the Board of Supervisors on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Old Business**

a. Update on nursing home visits - Mary Lou advised that she would be scheduling visits to all of the nursing homes in Winnebago County and that the visits would be completed by the end of the third quarter of this year.

b. New policy regarding emergency housing assistance (hotel) – The new hotel policy for emergency housing was approved at the June meeting. The Commissioners stated they would like to have a copy of the new policy so Mary Lou will give each of the Commissioners copies at the August meeting. ,

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

a. VA New and Emerging Information – FY 23-24 State Grant Allocation Report – Mary Lou reported that she had submitted the State Grant Allocation report. However, there was approximately \$200 that was not spent of the \$10,000 amount so that had to be paid back. Also, new leadership in the State Grant Allocation program began late in the fiscal year and the new leadership decided that furniture was no longer an acceptable expense for the allocation money. Mary Lou had bought a storage cabinet for her office for \$292 so that amount also had to be paid back. Mary Lou submitted the claims to pay back the money to the Auditor's Office.

- b. Review of new laws regarding Veteran Service Officer and veteran issues – Mary Lou reported that Governor Reynolds had signed into law in April 2024 new laws that directly impacted Veteran Service Officers and veterans. Mary Lou provided a brief overview but will bring copies of the laws to the August Commissioners meeting for each Commissioner to review.
- c. New Commissioner Orientation Manual/Re-appointment of Commissioners – Mary Lou gave each Commissioner the new Orientation Manual and had each of them sign that they were in receipt of the new manual. The re-appointment of Commissioners was not addressed.
- d. Next Meeting Date: August 26, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Winnebago County Courthouse

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

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