



## Winnebago County Veterans Affairs Commissioners Board Meeting

**Monday, August 26, 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 July monthly meeting minutes were reviewed. Thompson noted an error in which VSO had written Governor Branstad instead of Governor Reynolds. VSO will make the correction. Thompson motioned, seconded by Bosma to approve the July minutes with the correction noted above. All in favor. July minutes with correction were approved.

**3. Veteran Services Officer Report**

- a. Monthly VA numbers: Mary Lou shared the statistics for July 2024.
- b. County Outreach Efforts – The community of Scarville in Winnebago County has also become a Home Base Iowa participant. The celebration for Scarville will be September 7<sup>th</sup> and Mary Lou was invited to attend but will be unable to do so due to a former obligation.
- c. Review Monthly Expenditure Report for Approval - The Commissioners and Mary Lou reviewed the expenditures for July. Thompson motioned and Bosma seconded to approve the July expenditures. All in favor. The July expenditure report was approved and the Commissioners signed off on the report.

**4. Old Business**

- a. FY 23-24 State Grant Allocation Report – Mary Lou advised that all of the money that needed to be paid back to the State Grant Allocation has been submitted to the Auditor's office and paid.
- b. Review of new laws regarding Veteran Service Officers and veteran issues – Mary Lou provided each Commissioner with a packet of the Code Changes which were signed into law by Governor Reynolds in April 2024.
- c. New Commissioner Orientation Manual/Re-appointment of Commissioners – There was no new information to share regarding this old business

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

- a. VA New and Emerging Information – The office will be closed the week of October 14<sup>th</sup> for mental health and IDVA fall training for VSO. The Commissioners were given a copy of the Code of Ethics and the code was reviewed.
- b. Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs (IDVA) Fall Training for Commissioners – Mary Lou gave the Commissioners the information on the training in addition to the information regarding how to register for the training if they wished to attend. The training will be on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Camp Dodge. Mary Lou reminded the Commissioners that they would be reimbursed for mileage if they attended the training.
- c. Winnebago County Financial Assistance Request – Mary Lou presented an application for financial assistance for an honorably discharged veteran. Mary Lou explained the circumstances and after

discussion, Bosma made a motion to pay the utility bills for the veteran for three months total. Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

d. Next Meeting Date: October 28, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Winnebago County Courthouse

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

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