

BOARD MINUTES
WISCONSIN BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of November 15, 2018
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls
2175 East Park Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Board Members

Larry Kutschma, Chair
John Gaedke, Vice Chair (Excused)
John Townsend (Excused)
Al Richards
Carl Krueger
Leigh Neville-Neil
Steven Best
Vern Larson, Secretary (Excused)
Paul Chamberlain

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Representative Peter Barca
Bill Ingram/Wheels of Liberty
Pam Ingram/Rolling Thunder Ch 4 WI
Darin Hoel/Rolling Thunder Ch 4 WI
Tim Thompson/Rolling Thunder

WDVA Present

Dan Zimmerman, Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Josh Heine, Executive Staff Assistant

1. Call to order and roll call

A moment of silence was observed for POWs, fallen comrades, and all others whose job is to serve and protect. The meeting of the Board of Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chair. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Certification of notice of meeting

Proper notification of the meeting occurred.

4. Board action on minutes from August 23, 2018 meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 23, 2018.

5. Presentation by Representative Peter Barca: POW/MIA Veterans Chair of Honor

Representative Barca gave a presentation on his plan to have the POW/MIA Veterans Chair of Honor placed in the State Capitals Rotunda. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously on a voice vote to support Representative Barca's Plan.

6. Report of the Council on Veterans Programs

COVP Chair Larry Hill informed the Board the COVP passed a motion to support Representative Barca's Plan for the POW/MIA Veterans Chair of Honor.

7. Wisconsin Veterans Home update (King, Chippewa Falls, Union Grove)

Mark Wilson, Commandant of the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home gave an update on the Wisconsin Veterans Homes.

8. Grant Programs Update: Entrepreneurs & Non-Profit

Secretary Zimmerman gave a update on the Entrepreneurs & Non-Profit Grant Programs.

9. Secretary's Comments

Secretary Zimmerman commented on his vision of the future for the WI Department of Veterans Affairs.

10. Board Members Report by District

District one: Board Chair Mr. Kutschma reports thanks Governor Walker for providing information on Governor Elect Evers Transition team for Board Members to contact them with any questions.

District Two: Vice Chair Mr. Gaedke not present.

District Three: Ms. Neville-Neil has nothing to report.

District Four: Mr. Krueger reports that CVSO Jim Duff has retired and his position has been posted and closed by the county and he will be sitting in on the interviews for new candidates.

District Five: Mr. Larson not present.

District six: Mr. Townsend not present.

District Seven: Mr. Best has nothing to report

District Eight: Mr. Chamberlain has nothing to report.

At Large: Mr. Richards has nothing to report.

13. Public Comments

No Public Comments

14. Future Meeting

February 14th, 2019 WDVA Central Office in Madison.

15. Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and carried on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Larry Kutschma
Chair