

BOARD MINUTES
WISCONSIN BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of August 23, 2018
Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
N2665 Cty. Rd QQ
King, WI 54946

Board Members

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

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Michael Frugal COVP Member
Joe Aulik, Winnebago CVSO
Amy Pietsch, Fox Valley Tech Collage
Karen Caleado, UW Milwaukee
Tammy Javenkoski, President of CVSOA
Jesse Cuff, Waupaca CVSO
Colin Moten, COVP

WDVA Present

Dan Zimmerman, Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Ken Grant, Administrator
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 February 22, 2018 meeting

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 22, 2018.

5. Secretary's Comments

Secretary Zimmerman announced the roll out of the Governor's Veterans Plank of the Talent Attraction Program. Secretary Zimmerman also talked about future plans and changes at the King Veterans Home.

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

King Veterans Home Commandant Richard Mapes Provided a Update on the Wisconsin Veterans Homes.

7. Veterans Trust Fund Update

Secretary Zimmerman provided a update on the Veterans Trust Fund.

8. Review of Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2017 Information Paper 90, State Programs for Veterans

Chair Larry Kutschma encouraged the Board Members to read the Information Paper 90.

9. County Veterans Field Representative update

Secretary Zimmerman provided a update on the County Veterans Field Representatives.

10. VHRP Briefing

Ken Grant provided a briefing on the VHRP Program.

11. VORP Briefing

Ken Grant provided a briefing on the VORP Program.

12. Report of the Council on Veterans Programs

COVP Member Colin Moten provided a report to the board.

13. Entrepreneurship Grant Program (Potential Speakers 2018 Grant Recipients)

Amy Pietsch from Fox Valley Tech Collage and Karen Caleado from UW Milwaukee spoke about their Entrepreneurship programs which received the 2018 Entrepreneurship Grant.

14. Board Members Report by District

District one: Board Chair Mr. Kutschma reports he had the honor of attending the retirement ceremony of Brigadier General Scott Brower. Along with his VFW post, He continues to take veterans from the critical care unit at the zablocki Hospital out to dinner.

District Two: Vice Chair Mr. Gaedke has nothing to report.

District Three: Ms. Neville-Neil reports her region was approved for a legal Program for Veterans.

District Four: Mr. Krueger continues to work with Jim Duff on a program that provides Veterans with up to one thousand dollars in a life time to help with eviction notices and emergency travel.

District Five: Mr. Larson stated he is very excited for and impressed with the transition plans for the King Veterans Home.

District six: Mr. Townsend would like to get more organizations expressing support for Veterans.

District Seven: Mr. Best (Not Present)

District Eight: Mr. Chamberlain has nothing to report.

At Large: Mr. Richards has nothing to report.

15. Public Comments

No Public Comments

16. Future Meeting

November 15th, 2018 at Chippewa Falls Veterans Home.

17. Adjournment

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

Larry Kutschma
Chair