

VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 3:30 p.m.

**Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse,
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Marvin Finendale.

ROLL CALL: Present – Marvin Finendale, John Robinson, Jill Fortin, Eual Moore, Glen Erickson, Clint Mattson. Absent – Jim Paine, Mary Lou Bergman. Others present – Brian Erickson, Mark Liebaert, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Robinson, second Moore, to approve minutes from the August 17, 2017, meeting. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

Veterans Service Office - Financials: Included with agenda packet; revenue is down due to van costs. Over 50% of eligible travelers owe VSO cost reimbursement. County van services are a county cost, so reimbursement from riders is necessary; Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van services are paid for by Department of Veterans Affairs and riders do not need to pay for use. VSO will review van necessity if riders continue to not reimburse for use.

Soliders & Sailors Relief Fund: 61.4% increase in fund availability from 2016; 30.5% decrease in funds disbursed from 2016.

Veterans Seminar Report: Fortin attended women veterans roundtable discussion; to research possibility of implementing a women's veteran group in the Twin Ports.

Veteran Memorial Dedication Ceremony: Flyer distributed; ceremony to be held in Wascott on November 10th at noon.

Veterans 5k: Approximately \$400.00 received from fundraiser; VSO to review future participation.

Veterans Ball: 50 people currently signed up; 90 attended in 2016. Concept is to bring the veteran community together for a night out.

Veterans Care Center Facility Status: Potential investors, state representatives and developers need to meet and review facility possibilities.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Veteran emergency protocol; Veterans Care Center; veteran volunteers (legal and inmate mentors).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Robinson, second Moore, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk