

VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, August 2, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C,
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Finendale.

Paul Huber, Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program Coordinator, introduced.

ROLL CALL: Present – Marvin Finendale, Dennis Dalbec, Glen Erickson, Clint Mattson, Eual Moore. Absent: Jill Fortin, Mary Lou Bergman. Others present – Paul Huber, Brian Erickson, Ann Doucette, Pat Ryan, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dalbec, second Erickson, to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

SUSPEND THE RULES: Motion by Dalbec, second Erickson to take up item 4.b. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Donations: Doucette advised \$1,500 is available in General Services to be utilized in 2018 or carryover to next year. Future donations given to Brian Erickson on behalf of veterans organizations are deposited into an account set up by Finance Department. Budgetary transfers to release funds require approval from Administration Committee and County Board. Budgeting for anticipated donations in future years suggested.

Veteran Transportation Services Recommendation: Reviewed - Erickson provided highlights.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Moore, second Dalbec, to support recommendation from Veterans Service Officer to discontinue the Douglas County Veterans Van Service, and refer to Health and Human Services, Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

Veterans Service Officer Report: Total new veterans contact in June 2018 = 30; Total veterans contacted in 2018 = 2,113; and 2.9% decrease in claims from 2017. Erickson reviewed events/activities held recently: Lake Superior fishing and BWCA trip. Two are planned for this Saturday: Bong Center and the El Dorado (Walk for the Fallen). 5K Run for the Heroes planned for September; and Erickson and Skifstad to attend training in South Dakota.

Veteran Outreach and Recovery Program – Coordinator Introduction: Reception area conversion has been completed, and VORP Coordinator Huber has moved into the space.

Veterans Office Modification Status: See above item.

Homeless Veterans (Tiny Homes): Veterans village with tiny homes discussed - exists in warmer climates. Temporary placement until permanent housing becomes available is the goal.

October Festival: No news at this time – may not occur in 2018.

Veterans Needs/Care: Nursing care concerns discussed. Northwestern Wisconsin has limited facilities for veterans.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Moore, second Dalbec, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk