

**MINUTES OF THE
CALUMET COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
May 18, 2022 (9:00 A.M.)**

Dave La Shay called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. The meeting was properly announced and posted, and a quorum of members was present.

2. ROLL CALL (Committee Member Attendance):

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave La Shay, Bill Grube, Joe Mueller, and CVSO Greg Brittnacher

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Wittmann, American Legion Post 126 and Michelle Wynveen, Assistant Veterans Service Officer

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

- A. Chairperson – J. Mueller nominated D. LaShay, which was seconded by B. Grube. There were no other nominations. A unanimous voice vote was taken. D. LaShay was declared Chair of the 2022-2024 Veterans Service Commission.
- B. Vice Chairperson – D. LaShay nominated B. Grube, which was seconded by J. Mueller. There we no other nominations. A unanimous voice vote was taken. B. Grube was declared Vice-Chair of the 2022-2024 Veterans Service Commission.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by J. Mueller and SECONDED by B. Grube to approve the agenda for May 18, 2022. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (January 19, 2022 meeting)

MOTION by B. Grube and SECONDED by J. Mueller to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

8. REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS – None



9. **COMMUNICATIONS** – J. Mueller invites anyone who is interested in attending the American Legion Post 496 Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 30, 2022 at 9:15. B. Grube also invites anyone who is interested in attending the American Legion Post 124 Memorial Day celebration on the same date and time. G. Brittnacher also let the Committee know that the American Legion Post 125, VFW Post 3153, and DAV Chapter 65 will be having their Memorial Day celebration on May 30, 2022 at 10:00 am.

10. **ITEMS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION** –

- A. G. Brittnacher proposed meeting every two months in comparison quarterly. G. Brittnacher felt it would benefit the committee and the Veteran Service Office. It would provide more opportunities for the committee to learn about department operations and provide additional feedback and insight for the betterment of our County Veterans. MOTION by J. Mueller and SECONDED by B. Grube to have meetings every two months.
- B. MOTION by B. Grube and SECONDED by J. Mueller to approve revisions to the Policy and Procedure Manual for Admiration of the Calumet County Veterans Commission Relief Fund.
- C. MOTION by J. Mueller and SECONDED by B. Grube to approve revisions to the Veterans Service Commission Application.
- D. G. Brittnacher discussed forming Calumet County Council of Veteran Organizations. The focus of the meeting will allow G. Brittnacher to share federal VA and state VA updates with all of the county Veteran Service Organizations. Currently, G. Brittnacher is trying to provide outreach to each of Service Organizations, but is unable to get to all of them in a timely manner. This Council would bring all the Organizations together, allowing each of organizations to share ideas, ask questions, and learn about changes within the VA to better serve their members. D. LaShay recommend scheduling a meeting with Service Organizations to get feedback on what day and time works best for them.

11. **REPORT OF DEPARTMENT** – Given by CVSO G. Brittnacher:

- A. Updated the Committee that the VSC has provided assistance to nine Veterans thus far in 2022. Our office also partnered with other service organization within the community to assist other Veterans who are in need.
- B. Provided an overview of the updated Veterans Service Office website: <https://www.co.calumet.wi.us/230/Veterans-Service-Office>. The added content should better assist Veterans and their dependents on potential benefits available for them.
- C. Reviewed the first addition of the *Veterans Quarterly* newsletter. The next addition will be out July 2022.

12. **DISCUSS NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting has tentatively scheduled for July 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9: 40 A.M., MOTION by D. La Shay and SECONDED by B. Grube to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Greg Brittnacher, VSC Committee Member & Recording Secretary
APPROVED