

MINUTES
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS
Meeting of June 29, 2017
Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls
2175 East Park Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Members

David Schmidt, AMVETS
Oscar Castaneda, American GI Forum
Paul Fisk, American Legion
Vacant, American Red Cross
Paul Fine, ANU
Gary Traynor, Blinded Veterans Assoc.
Colin Moten, CVSOA
Larry Hill, DAV
Peter Gilbert, JWV
Phillip Landgraf, MCL
Roger Fetterly, MOAA
William Lobeck, MOPH (Excused)
William Sims, NABV
Marie Annette Eppett-Murphy,
NCUSA
John Recklies (Excused)
Dale Nelson, PVA
Lester Bischoff, TREA (Excused)
Elizabeth Benn, UWV
Mike Furgal, VFW
Steve House, VVA
Rich Peters, VVAW
William May, WACVO
Bill Hustad
Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs
Inactive, USSVWWII
Inactive, CWV

Others Present (not all inclusive)

John Townsend, Board Member

WDVA Present

Secretary Daniel Zimmerman
Deputy Secretary Thomas Rhatican
Assistant Deputy Secretary Kathy Still
Randy Nitschke, Veterans Homes Administrator
Ken Grant, Div. of Veteran Services Administrator
James Bond, Division of Veterans Benefits
Steve Janke, CVSO Liaison
Jason Church, VSO Liaison
Josh Heine, Executive Staff Assistant

1. **Call to order, roll call**

The meeting of the Council on Veterans Programs was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Benn. Role was called and a quorum was present.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Certification of notice of meeting**

The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.

4. Action on minutes of October 20, 2016 COVP meeting
It was moved, seconded and carried on a voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016.
5. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Zimmerman addressed the Council.
6. Review of Council Bylaws
Motion made to leave 4.02 as noted. Motion was seconded and carried by Voice vote. One apposed.
7. Council discussion-Veteran Farmer Assistance Program
Motion made to Support Assembly Bill 302. Motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.
8. Council discussion-Veterans Affairs review of Chapter 45
Motion made to strike Section 77 from Chapter 45. If Section 77 stays in chapter 45 it should read Council on Veterans Programs and Board of Veterans Affairs instead of Task Force.
9. Council Members matters not subject to adoption
Council Members request improving conference phone options.
10. Public Input
No Public input.
11. Future Meetings
Next meeting tentatively set for October 5th in the Wausau area.
12. Adjournment
It was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth Benn
Chair

Attachments:

1. Council on Veteran Programs By Laws
2. Veterans Farmer Assistance Program
3. Chapter 45