

BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of February 6, 2020 ~ 1:00pm
King Veterans Home
N2665 County Rd QQ, Waupaca, WI 54981

Board Members

Larson, Vern, Chair
Schmitt, Jr., Curtis - Vice Chair
Richards, Al - Secretary

Best, Steven
Chamberlain, Paul
Carter, Tonnetta - ABSENT
Schrum, William
Townsend, John - ABSENT
Hanson, Chris

Others Present (not all inclusive)

WDVA Present

Mary Kolar, Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant
Chad Kopljen, Chief Legal Counsel
Mindy Allen, Rules Coordinator
Tammy Servatius, Commandant
Shelly Jandt, Marden Center Director
Shaun Stoeger, Tribal Liaison
Tiffany Koehler, Women veteran Representative

1. Call to order and roll call
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vern Larson. 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. Review and action on BOVA meeting minutes
Paul Chamberlain moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by William Schrum, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
5. Welcome
Tammy Servatius, King Commandant welcomed the Board.

6. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided the Board with agency updates.

7. Election of Officers:
Nomination for Chairman: Vern Larson was nominated by Curtis Schmitt, Jr., Vern Larson accepted, William Schrum second the nomination, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
Nomination for Vice Chairman: Curtis Schmitt, Jr. was nominated by William Schrum, Vern Larson accepted, Chris Hanson second the nomination, motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote.
Nomination for Secretary: Al Richards was nominated by William Schrum, Al Richards accepted, Paul Chamberlain second the nomination, motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote.

8. Legislative Comments and Process:
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided a Legislative update to the committee including Chapter 45 Legislation, SB446 & AB452 along with an update on the Property Tax Credit Bill. Mindy Allen provided updates to rules: Chapter 1, 2, 6, 10, 11 and 18.

9. Committee Legislative Support:
William Schrum made a motion for Board support of Legislation SB446 & AB452, Al Richards 2nd the motion that a letter of support from Chairman Larson be sent to the Legislative Committee. Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

10. Committees:
Vern Larson made a motion to establish two Ad Hoc Committees within the Board, William Schrum 2nd the motion. The two committees will be: Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Vern Larson and Legislative Committee, chaired by Curtis Schmitt, Jr.; Curtis Schmitt, Jr. suggested two Liaisons to serve on each Committee. Motion was carried on a unanimous voice vote.

11. WDVA presentations:
Shelly Jandt - Marden Center Director, Shaun Stoeger – Tribal Liaison, Tiffany Koehler – Women Veteran Representative.

12. Board Member Reports by District
Board members provided updates by district.

13. Future meetings
The Council recommended the:
 - May 7, 2020 meeting be held via Teleconference
 - August 13, 2020 in Chippewa Falls

14. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Hanson, 2nd by Paul Chamberlain and carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 2:23pm.

Vern Larson
Chair