

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Veterans Service Commission**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.**  
**Lincoln County Government Services Building**  
**Lincoln County Veteran Services**  
**801 N. Sales St. Room 146**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mike VanLieshout, Bruce Gerdes and Claude Willet

**Members Absent:**

**Visitors:** Rick Wolf

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman VanLieshout.

**2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Motion to accept March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes by VanLieshout. Gerdes seconded, all ayes-Motion carried.

**3. Review Vouchers and Sign Voucher Schedule**

Vouchers turned in for reimbursement.

**4. Financial Report**

The Secretary presented the financial report for the period 01/01/2015 – 08/24/2015

Motion by VanLieshout to approve the financial report, Willet seconded.

All ayes - Motion carried

**5. Closed Session**

Motion by VanLieshout to go into closed session pursuant to sec. 19.85(1)(f), WI Stat. for considering financial, medical, social or personal histories of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have an adverse effect on the reputation of persons referred to in such histories or data. Specifically under consideration are the applications referenced below. Rick Wolf is allowed to stay in the closed session.

- a. Application for Utility Assistance (03/02A-2015)
- b. Application for Automobile Insurance Assistance (03/03A-2015)
- c. Application for VA Medical Bill Assistance (03/03B-2015)
- d. Application for Cell Phone Bill Assistance (03/03C-2015)
- e. Application for WPS Assistance (05/01A-2015)
- f. Application for Day Care Assistance (06/01A-2015)
- g. Application for WPS Assistance (06/02A-2015)
- h. Application for Text Book Assistance (08/01A-2015)

Roll call vote: VanLieshout-Aye Gerdes-Aye Willet-Aye

All Ayes – Motion Carried

The Commission went into closed session at 3:32 p.m.

Motion by VanLieshout to return to open session.  
Roll call vote: VanLieshout-Aye Willet-Aye Gerdes-Aye  
All Ayes – Motion Carried

The Commission went into open session at 3:43 p.m.

## OPEN SESSION

### **6. Closed Session Action**

Take any necessary action:

- a. Motion by Gerdes to deny Utility Assistance (03/02A-2015), Willet seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- b. Motion by Gerdes to approve Automobile Insurance Assistance (03/03A-2015), VanLieshout seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- c. Motion by Gerdes to approve VA Medical Bill Assistance (03/03B-2015), VanLieshout seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- d. Motion by Gerdes to deny Cell Phone Bill Assistance (03/03C-2015), VanLieshout seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- e. Motion by Willet to WPS Assistance (05/01A-2015), VanLieshout seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- f. Motion by Willet to approve Day Care Assistance (06/01A-2015), Gerdes seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- g. Motion by Willet to deny WPS Assistance (06/02A-2015), Gerdes seconded, all ayes, motion carried.
- h. Motion by Willet to approve Text Book Assistance (08/01A-2015), Gerdes seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

### **7. Veterans Service Office Report**

Rick reported on the information he has compiled in reference to the ongoing discussion of definition of a Veteran and what qualifies a person to apply for commission funds. Rick announced the upcoming WI State Association of County Veterans Service Commissions annual meeting to be held Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Veterans Home in King, WI. Rick informed the commission members about the progress made with the Veterans Choice Card Program. Rick reported that the Tomah VA has informed him that the Wausau CBOC will be at full staff by September.

Motion to accept report as read by Veteran Service Officer by VanLieshout, seconded by Gerdes.  
All Ayes – Motion Carried

### **8. Set Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

Next meeting date will be November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 9a.m. at the Lincoln County Veteran Services Office, Merrill, WI.

Motion by VanLieshout to adjourn, seconded by Gerdes.  
All Ayes – Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Rick Wolf - Secretary