

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Social Services Committee-Veterans Office**  
**Minutes of Monday, February 20, 2006, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Health and Human Services Center**

**Members Present:** Melissa Schroeder, Michael Loka, Ronald Krueger

**Members Excused:** Joe Ugolini

**Members Absent:** James Alber

**Visitors:** Russ Scheu - Department Head Veterans Service Office, Donna Simek, James Bestul

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Schroeder

**2. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Motion by Loka, second by Krueger to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.  
Motion carried – Unanimous

**3. Review Vouchers**

Committee reviewed vouchers and signed the voucher schedule.

**4. CVSO Spring Conference**

The CVSO Spring Conference will be held in Pewaukee on April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion by Krueger, second by Loka to approve Russ's attendance to the conference.  
Motion carried – Unanimous

**5. Office Report**

**A. Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA)**

Russ provided a copy of the 2005 Annual Office Report to show \$503,029.00 in benefits that Lincoln County veterans received from WDVA. Benefits were down mainly because of increased interest rates and lower income requirements for grants. Russ also reported that the Governor signed Senate Bill 525 banning protests at funerals.

**B. Federal Department of Veterans Affairs**

Russ reported that federal benefits for Lincoln County were \$7,900,992.00. The VA budget is proposed to increase \$8.8 billion dollars which is an increase of 12.2% above last year's budget. \$3.5 billion of the increase will be used for health care.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Krueger to approve the office report.  
Motion carried - Unanimous

**4. Set Next Meeting Date; Adjourn**

Next meeting will be March 16, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Center  
Motion by Krueger, second by Loka to adjourn.  
Motion carried – Unanimous  
The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.