



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson
Mr. Patrick Craney
Mr. Eric Holmes
Mr. Thomas A. Ludka, Secretary

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES
MEETING, APRIL 29, 2015**

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2015

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Eric Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CASE #JJW, (35592)

This is a retired, service-connected veteran who served 22 years in the National Guard. He is 77 years old and has non-service connected heart issues that require oxygen while sleeping. He is \$3,600 in arrears with his Wisconsin Electric Bill, and the Company will be turning his electricity off if they do not receive a \$600 payment and his agreement to pay an additional \$235 monthly. If his electricity is shut off, the veteran will not have access to the oxygen needed for his heart condition.

The Veterans Service Office is asking that the Commission approve a one-time payment of:

\$ 600.00 WE ENERGIES, ACCOUNT #2010-127-636

\$ 600.00 Billed to: Account #150-360-8590-8592-6553.

Mr. Ludka has counseled the veteran to get involved with a financial advisor to handle his financial affairs.

Mr. Eric Holmes made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ludka updated the Commissioners on assistance given to our veterans. American Legion assisted with a \$745 payment for rent assistance. We have a balance of \$200 in Goodwill vouchers, one \$50 voucher was given to a veteran. With Commission funds, we purchased \$500 in gift cards, \$275 in gift cards were distributed.

Mr. Eric Holmes advised us that Military Order of the Purple Heart will be donating an additional \$400 in gift cards, \$200 for Walmart and \$200 for gas cards.

Mr. Ludka advised the Commissioners that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs yearly grant of \$13,000 will be changed in the future. Instead of a grant, there will be reimbursement on money allocated to the County Veterans Service Office.

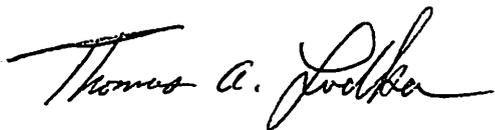
Mr. Ludka reminded the Commissioners that Armed Forces Week will be celebrated Friday, May 15, 2015.

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Craney. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Ludka, Secretary
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