

**MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Held:** Monday, March 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Roger Freund (Chairman), Mark Espeseth

**Excused:** Brian Jopek

**Executive Secretary:** Tammy Javenkoski (CVSO)

**The following new matters were taken up, to wit:**

Roger Freund called the meeting to order in conference room #1 on the first floor of the Oneida County courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly posted, the news media was notified and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, is handicapped accessible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. **Motion** made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed. **Motion** made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The vouchers were reviewed. **Motion** made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

The donation account was discussed. Since the last meeting, \$471 was transferred out to cover 2018 veterans' grant costs. Additionally, two donations were received in the amount of \$1,032.32. The donation account has a balance of \$9,845.17.

The Assistant CVSO position has been reclassified to one grade higher.

The CVSO position was denied for a reclassification.

The Secretary-designee for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is Mary Kolar. Secretary Kolar is a retired Navy Captain. She was the CVSO's Executive Officer at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL, and the CVSO feels Governor Evers chose the right person for the position.

The 2018 WDVA Grant has been received in the amount of \$10,000. The previous Secretary, Dan Zimmerman, was working on trying to get the annual grant amounts increased but they were not

increased in Governor Evers' budget. Secretary Kolar feels there may be justification for increasing the grant but she needs to familiarize herself more before pursuing it.

There is going to be a multi-county Veterans Benefits Expo on Friday, April 26 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm at the Army National Guard Armory in Rhinelander. The expo is being hosted by Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, and Vilas Counties.

Items for the next agenda:

- Debrief on the Veterans Benefits Expo

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_