

**MINUTES**  
**(FRIDAY) OCTOBER 31, 2025 – 9:30 A.M.**  
**OCONTO COUNTY VETERANS' COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**301 WASHINGTON ST., COURTHOUSE BLDG "A" ROOM #3046**  
**OCONTO WI 54153**  
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COMMITTEE PRESENT: Andy School, Bruce Hansen, Renee Dietrich, Ron Christensen

COMMITTEE ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sandy DeCleene

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:30 a.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**A. Change of Sequence – None**

**B. Removal of Items – None**

Motion by School/Dietrich to approve agenda. The motion was voted on and carried.

**2. Election of Chairman for meeting**

Motion by Hansen/School to elect Dietrich as Chairperson. The motion was voted on and carried.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

**4. Moment of Silence**

**5. Welcome**

Dietrich welcomed all in attendance. Reading of Oconto County Mission Statement

**6. Old Business**

Motion by School/Hansen to approve the November 1, 2024 minutes. The motion was voted on and carried.

No other old business to discuss.

**7. New Business**

**A. Budget Review**

Budget Review - Committee reviewed and discussed 2024 and 2025 budget.

**B. Transportation Program**

Reviewed Transportation program along with the number of rides provided and total number of miles on an annual basis over the past four years. The program transported Veterans on 158 **trips** for a total of 22,173 miles from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The expansion of Community Care which allows some veterans to receive care in the community and VA utilizing more virtual appointments has caused a reduction in the use of the transportation program which is a good thing. Also, less reimbursement from Veterans collected.

**C. Transportation Grant Application**

Reviewed Transportation Grant that was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs in October of 2025. Anticipate receiving funds within the next three months.

**D. Emergency Relief Fund**

Veterans Emergency Relief Fund - Committee reviewed and discussed Veterans Emergency Relief Fund.

The continuation of \$2500.00 in the annual budget and the overall balance of the fund. The account was reviewed in detail and audited with bank statements. No errors were found and all Commissioners signed off on the audit.

<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>2025 Expenses YTD</b>	<b><u>\$2,500.00</u></b>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**E. VA Health Care Update**

Discussed updates on changes in VA Healthcare, Comp & Pen exams, collections of debt and Community Care. Dietrich shared her experiences of performing Comp & Pen exams as an employee of VES. Also went over the effects the PACT ACT still has. Discussed benefits involved and work that continues to generate in our office.

**8. Set next Meeting Date**

Tentative date of October 30, 2026 & will confirm once the State Commissioners Meeting and Fall CVSO Conference is announced to avoid duplicating the date.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion by School/Hansen to adjourn. The motion was voted on and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Sandy DeCleene, Recorder