Minutes - September 27, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Rashkin called the hybrid meeting of the Education & Veterans Committee to order on Tuesday, September 27, at 5:00 P.M. in Conference Room N1.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Peer, Sutterlin, Rashkin, Clasen, and Crary.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Paul Crawford, Veterans Service Officer.

Others Present: None.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Clasen. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes:

July 19, 2022 Minutes: Supervisor Sutterlin moved approval of the July 19, 2022 minutes, second by Supervisor Crary. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Update from Veterans Service Officer, Paul Crawford, on PACT (Promises to Address Comprehensive Toxics) Act Implications: Paul Crawford provided an update on the impact of PACT. This is a service-connected disability benefit. A list of presumptive conditions is available on the Rock County Veterans Service website along with other additional information (https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/veterans-service-office). The PACT Act makes it easier for survivors to receive dependency and indemnity compensation. To get assistance for families that accumulated costs, Paul advocated talking to our senators and representatives.

Passing a resolution supporting providing backpay and supporting the PACT Act would also be beneficial. The committee asked Paul and Josh to work on a resolution for the committee to consider.

Paul will come back to the committee with marketing opportunities to promote the PACT Act and other Veterans Service Office offerings.

Discussion of Veterans Services Center Space: Paul provided an update to the committee. He toured

the DWRC with Brent. Paul thinks that this would be a great space to be a part of, but he is concerned about the amount of space that they would need. They will need 6 offices, a reception area, and handicap-accessible bathrooms. He also has been trying to get in touch with the VA Clinic to utilize a space close to theirs.

Discussion Regarding School Superintendents Updates: Several superintendents have been contacted. This will be a continuing agenda item.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: The committee reviewed the statements from June, July, and August.

June Payments:

July Payments:

August Payments:

Committee Requests: None.

Next meeting date and time: October 25 at 5:00 P.M. hybird meeting

Adjournment: Supervisor Peer moved to adjourn at 6:00 P.M., second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
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