



Minutes - January 28, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Peer called the hybrid Education & Veterans Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Veteran Service's conference room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Peer, Bobzien, Schneider, Fugelseth,

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Sutter

Staff Members Present: Paul Crawford, Veterans Service Officer; Andrea Wolf, Administrative Professional III; Laura Jones, Administrative Professional III

Others Present:

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Review of Payments:

December Payments: The committee reviewed the presented payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions: None.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Veterans Service Office Update: Paul explained how the GDX (Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures) numbers will come out in April, which indicates how much money comes into each county. Paul noted that Eric, their newest hire, is going through a National Associated County Veteran basic benefits course this week. Paul mentioned that to maintain accreditation, the Veteran Services office will be attending a conference in May located in Superior. Veteran Services will be out at UW Whitewater on February 5th for a meet and greet to further introduce their services to veterans. Paul plans on reaching out to local area schools to inform new veterans about the benefits they are eligible for, such as the GI Bill. The committee suggested having representatives from the school attend a committee meeting. Paul discussed the positive progress Veteran Services has been making, noting an increase in the number of veterans they were assisting.

Discussion of Education Role of Committee: The committee discussed the importance of providing information and support to veterans. The committee asked Paul if he would be interested in doing a radio interview to raise awareness about their organization and its benefits. Paul expressed interest and agreed.

Updates from the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee meetings: Supervisor Peer did not have any true updates. Andrea stated she attended the last meeting and gave a few updates on what the committee discussed.

Committee Requests: The committee would like Paul and his staff to initiate partnerships with area schools to bring a representative to a meeting. The committee also requested Paul to prepare for a full board presentation to share the mission of Veteran Services.

Next meeting date and time: February 18th at 5:00 PM

Adjournment: Supervisor Schneider moved adjournment at 5:47, second by Supervisor Bobzien.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Wolf
Human Resources Administrative Professional III

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