



Minutes - July 29, 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, and Fugelseth.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Sutter.

Staff Members Present: Paul Crawford, Veterans Service Officer; Andrea Wolf, 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: Supervisor Peer shared an article from the Beloit Daily News.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not attached for review.

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments:

June Payments: The committee reviewed the presented payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Veterans Services Office Update: Paul discussed their successful participation at the Rock County Fair, noting that his department really enjoys the Fair event. Paul also discussed the delayed release of GDX numbers, which typically come out in May but will now be available in September, showing how much money is generated in each county through VA services. The committee discussed the Veteran Service's 2026 budget and plans for promotional materials, conference attendance, and a new full-time position. Paul talked about significant donations that were received for the veteran assistance program, including money donated from Piston and Props and a recent \$20,000 check from the Badger Chordhawks. The funds are managed in a dedicated account to provide emergency financial assistance

to county veterans, with the program maintaining flexibility for those in need. Plans were outlined to create promotional materials, including brochures and an online option for donating, to encourage further donations and raise awareness about the program's direct impact on veterans.

Discussion of What Other Counties' Role in Education Is: No updates were given.

Research on Title of Committee Name: No updates were given.

Youth in Governance Update and Discussion: Supervisor Wilson handed out a packet with information about the Ad Hoc Rock Count Youth in Governance Program Explorator Committee. The committee discussed the future of the Youth and Governance Committee, considering integrating the Youth in Governance program into an existing standing committee or proposed hosting it independently, with a small budget of around \$5,000 to cover operational costs. The pilot project was initially approved for a term ending in April 2026. Supervisor Wilson is recommending to continue as an ongoing program. The program is currently operating with 6–8 participants and has been successful in securing donations of gas cards to help support attendance. They discussed potential improvements, including involving students in fundraising and exploring partnerships with other organizations. The committee considered whether to integrate them with the Education and Veterans Committee or with the Ag and Extension Committee. Supervisor Bobzien recommended the Ag and Extension Committee with the possibility of increasing the members to accommodate the additional responsibilities. The committee agreed the Ag and Extension committee would be better suited as the Education & Veterans committee is looking at removing the education portion from the committee.

Committee Requests: No requests were given.

Next meeting date and time: August 19, 2025 at 5:00PM

Adjournment: Supervisor Bobzien moved adjournment at 6:49 PM, second by Supervisor Schneider. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wolf
Administrative Professional III

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