

# Minutes

**Eau Claire County  
Veterans Service Commission**  
Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019 / 4:30 pm

Eau Claire County Government Center – Room 1278  
721 Oxford Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

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1. **Call meeting to Order.**  
4:32 PM
2. **Public Comment. (3 minutes per individual, 15 minutes total)**  
None
3. **Commission member, Veterans Services staff, guest introductions.**  
Doug, Dave, Sid, Eric, Adam. Introduced Sid Hanson as a new member of the Veterans Service Commission and Eric Killen and the new Director of Veteran Services.
4. **Review/approval of minutes from prior meeting.**  
Doug motions to approve Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried
5. **Report of VSC funds disbursed/received.**  
Reviewed the previous year (2018) allocation of VSC funds to veterans in need and explained the concept and intent of the program for the new members. Spent the remaining \$450 in the 2018 budget to purchase gift cards. Question on getting additional food and gas gift cards donated by Kwik Trip and Festival Foods. This is something we have asked for and received in the past. Reviewed current year (2019) allocation and discussed the increase from \$5,800 to \$13,800 due to a gift of money to the county.
6. **Review of current pending veteran cases seeking VSC funds.**  
Discussed current pending cases for hotel costs for veteran receiving cancer treatment in Madison.
7. **Veteran Services activity report and general updates.**  
Discussed tasks completed/milestones since Jan 1, 2019: 198 office visits, 40 veterans transported to Mlps VA Medical Center, 465 phone calls from veterans, agencies, care givers, etc...Mentioned the development of a “Veteran Needs Assessment Survey” designed to identify the life challenges, needs and barriers that Veterans face within Eau Claire County and assist Eau Claire County Department of Veteran Services in efforts to evaluate needed services for veterans.
8. **New Business/Other Business.** None
9. **Determine next meeting date and agenda.** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:30 PM
10. **Adjourn.** 5:07 PM

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