

**VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, December 5, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse,**  
**1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Mary Lou Bergman.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mary Lou Bergman, Eual Moore, Dennis Dalbec, Clint Mattson, Ron Leino, Glen Erickson. Absent – Dennis Dalbec. Others present – Brian Erickson, Erick Hudson, Pat Ryan, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Moore, second Erickson, to approve minutes from the October 3, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:** Erick Hudson, AVSO, introduced.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Veterans Service Office Update:** Report distributed. Office under budget due to being short staffed part of year. \$10,000 grant application is annual; to request for 2020.

**Veteran Village:** Land acquisition for veteran village proposal distributed. Proposal includes important information showing need of village in area. Approximately 17,200 veterans reside in Douglas County and surrounding area. Silver Bay is the closest skilled nursing facility, accepting Minnesota residents as preference; Chippewa Falls is closest Wisconsin based facility. There are no veteran inpatient mental health or alcohol/drug abuse treatment facilities or veteran centric assisted living quarters nearby. There is only one veteran centric transient housing in Duluth, but it accepts Minnesota residents only.

Letters to show support of veteran village and its resources from local businesses, veteran organizations, health facilities and other interested parties recommended. Erickson to collect support letters and present at next meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Letters of support.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Moore, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk