

BOARD MINUTES
WISCONSIN BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Meeting of July 20, 2016
King, Wisconsin

Board Members

John Gaedke, Chair
Larry Kutschma, Vice Chair
Dan Bohlin, Secretary
John Townsend
Al Richards
Leigh Neville-Neil (excused)
Cathy Gorst
Kevin Nicholson (excused)
Carl Krueger

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Rich Hasse, Columbia County CVSO
Steve Dykes, Adams County CVSO
Bill Rosenau, Waushara County CVSO
Jon Lidonne, Outagamie County CVSO
Rock Larson, Wood County CVSO
Katelyn Ferral, Capital Times

WDVA Present

John Scocos, Secretary
Kathy Marschman, Deputy Secretary
Dan Buttery, Asst. Deputy Secretary
Jim Parker, Finance Director
Jim Knight, Commandant
Dr. Alan Strobusch, Medical Director
Shannon Hardel, Deputy Commandant
Shari McCann, Commandant's ESA
Angie Reindl, Executive Staff Assistant

1. Call to order and roll call

The meeting of the Board of Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chair. A moment of silence was observed for POWs, fallen comrades, and all others whose job is to serve and protect. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Certification of notice of meeting

Proper notification of the meeting occurred.

3. Board action on minutes from Board's February 15, 2016 meeting at Chippewa Falls

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 15, 2016 at Chippewa Falls with the changes requested by Board Member Dan Bohlin, Board Secretary.

4. Briefing by King Commandant

The Chair introduced Jim Knight, the Commandant of the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Mr. Knight shared current information regarding the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King.

- 721 total beds

- Approximately 1000 staff members
- 8 other nursing homes within a 25 mile radius
- Agency Staffing used to fill nurses aid positions
- Considered one facility by Federal VA
- Considered four Skilled Nursing Facilities by the State of Wisconsin

5. Briefing by WDVA Director of Finance

New Moses facility

- Conceptual drawings and timeline (Attachment 1)
- Demolition slated to start June of 2017
- Approximately 2-1/2 years from start to finish
- Single Rooms
- Approximately double the size of current rooms

Trust Fund Clarification

- Trust became insolvent in 2016
- Legislature gave WDVA the authority to use funds generated by the homes to keep the Trust Fund solvent through 2023

6. Secretary's Comments

Secretary thanked Randy Nitschke, Division of Veterans Homes Administrator, and the Commandants for all the hard work.

He talked about possibilities for future nursing home facilities with one of possibilities being public/private joint ventures.

The future department is working on finding a way to continue to find the VORP program, partnering with other agencies on mental health and suicide prevention initiatives and making sure that veterans in rural areas have access to the same benefits and services as veterans in urban areas.

Assistant Deputy Secretary provided information on the Zero Veteran Suicide initiative that was developed as a result of concerns and input from a group at the King facility. The Zero Veteran Suicide initiative stems from the Wisconsin Zero Suicide initiative. In addition, WDVA is partnering with Major General Mark Graham (Ret.) of Rutgers University to help spread that word about his non-profit Vets4Warriors.

10. Public Comment

Rich Haase, Columbia County Veterans Service Officer, addressed the Board questioning the factual basis the department is using for their decision making and for their legislative proposals regarding the CVSOS consortium concept.

Steve Dykes, Adams County Veterans Service Officer, talked about the need to improve the relationship between the CVSOSs and WDVA. He expressed his opinion that the veteran identifier should be available to National Guard and Reservists, and expressed his frustration with the CVSOS Grant process.

Board member Carl Krueger mentioned that the CVSO in his district had expressed frustration with the recent changes associated with CVSO Bulletin 1048 dealing with WDVA's electronic records system known as VBATS.

11. Adjournment

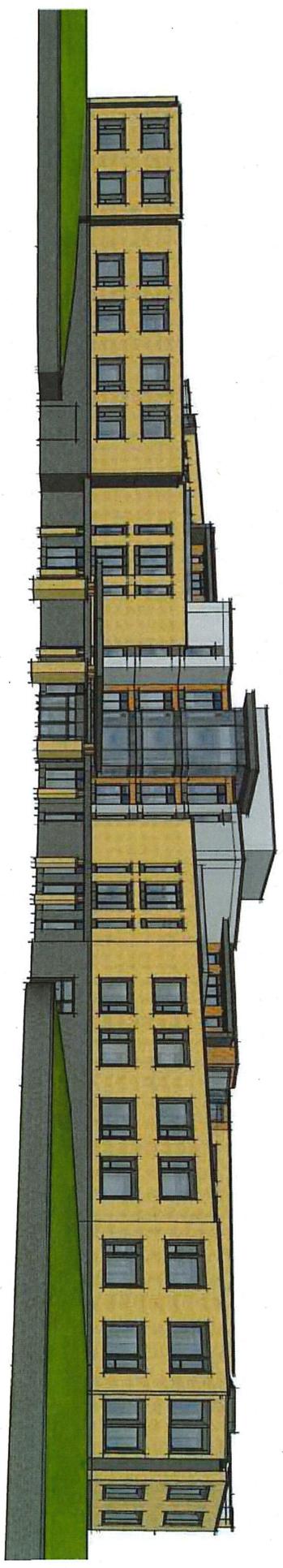
A motion was made by Mr. Kutschma to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried on a voice vote.

John Gaedke
Chair

ATTACHMENTS:

1. John R. Moses Skilled Nursing Facility timeline and sketches

John R. Moses Skilled Nursing Facility



John R. Moses Skilled Nursing Facility Timeline Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	NOV	NOV	DEC
AE submits PRELIMINARY documents							
DFD returns comments							
DFD review meeting with AE							
AE starts FINAL design phase							
Send 35% Design to USDVA							
SBC Authority							

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	JAN	FEB	FEB	MAR	MAR	MAR	APR	APR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUN	JUN	JUN	JUL	AUG	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
AE submits FINAL documents																						
USDVA Grant Priority List Released																						
Send 100% Design to USDVA																						
DFD return comments																						
DFD review meeting with AE																						
AE submits Bidding Documents																						
BCBCA review																						
AE submits corrected BD																						
DFD issues BD																						
AAC bids																						
MEP bids																						
GPC bids																						
DFD initiates contracts																						
Send Bid Documents to USDVA																						
DFD issues Notice-to-Proceed																						
Preconstruction Meeting																						
Demolition Start																						

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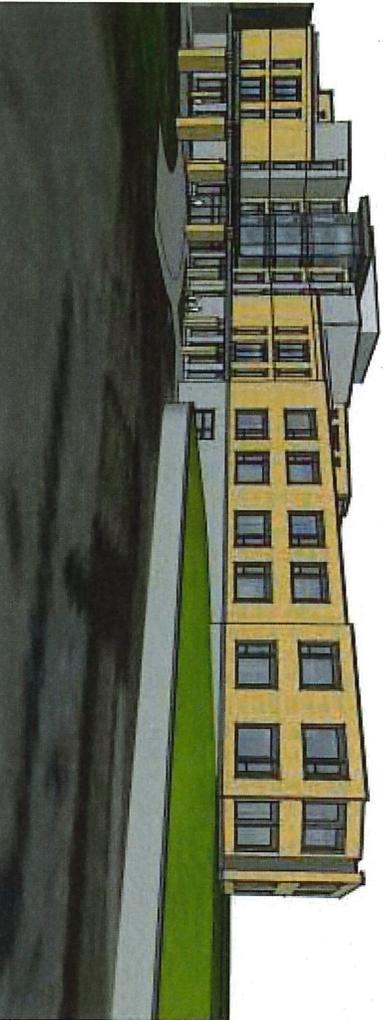
Moses Design Elements
Design Drafts, July 2016



South elevation



Wing F South Elevation



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