

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Veterans Memorial Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, February 13, 2020

**Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date:**

Mr. Dick Treu called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Those in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were:** Ms. Felicia Hager, Mr. John Bauer, Mr. Krist Beseler, Mr. Ron Bauer, Mr. Dick Treu, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, and Mr. Peter Schaffner.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Minutes and Financial Report:** The minutes from the previous meeting and the financial report were mailed in the packets. A discussion was held on whether the minutes were correct stating the cost of maintenance of the bricks was \$12,285.00 to replace and there being only \$6,459.59 in funds to cover those costs. Ms. Halverson explained the cost for engraving has since risen. She received a letter from La Crosse Memorials Inc. showing the price per brick is now \$25 per brick unless 21 or more bricks are ordered at the same time, then the price would be \$15 per brick. The price for engraving in the past was \$15. There were new bricks purchased in 2017 for the replacement of bricks that need to be replaced. We have received some donations from various Posts and individuals. The current financial report shows \$7,247.75 in available funds, this included the one CD that is left. Mr. Schaffner made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Beseler, Carried. Mr. Bauer made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Mr. Beseler. Carried.

**Upkeep and Maintenance of the Memorial:** Upkeep of the Veteran Memorial was discussed. There are approximately 816 bricks left to be replaced and new orders are low. There is a need to make sure there is always enough funds in perpetuity to maintain the memorial so that it never gets neglected. Currently Mr. Ebert takes bricks to La Crosse Memorial Inc., picks them up when completed, and installs them in the memorial. Thoughts need to be put towards the future when Mr. Ebert is no longer able to provide this service, as currently he does not charge for his time. It was discussed to update the website to let the public know donations are still needed, send an outreach letter to Legion and VFW Posts to ask for donations and requesting assistance from the County Board. A social media presence, such as Facebook was discussed. CVSO Felicia Hager will work with Mr. Brommerich on a press release in the next few weeks, setting up a Facebook page in the next month, and sending out donation letters by March or April. Ms. Halverson will work on updating the website for the Veteran Memorial page within the next month.

The next meeting will be February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. John Bauer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ron Bauer. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson  
Secretary/Treasurer