

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
October 13, 2015**

The following are the open minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Green Lake County Veterans Service Commission held in the Veterans Service Office at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI, at 10:30 A.M. on July 7 2015.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, Tony Soda, and Jon Vandeyacht, Secretary.

**Certification of Open Meeting Law:** The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Chairman Shrock.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** After discussion, Soda made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action on Minutes:** After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Appearances & Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** Vandeyacht reported that the Service Commission meeting at King Veterans Home had poor attendance by Service Commission personnel. Most of the meeting was used to find personnel to sit on different positions. A point was brought up to find some sort of, 'take away' else these meetings are useless and will continue to have poor attendance. From Green Lake County, only Vandeyacht and Burdick were in attendance.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2017 budget was submitted and had passed the HHS Finance committee board. The next step would be the county finance committee and then the board of supervisors as part of the whole county budget package. The budget was kept the same as 2016 with no increase requested.

**New Business:** It was noted that the term of appointment of Soda to the Service Commission expires in December. Soda expressed his interest in being reappointed. Vandeyacht will write a memo to the County Board Chairman recommending that Soda be reappointed.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2016 Transportation Grant was submitted on August 31, 2015. The amount to be awarded will be determined and distributed after the first of the year.

Vandeyacht brought up that there has been some confusion about the policy of the medical transportation policy and the rates charged for the veterans not receiving travel reimbursement. There was following discussion about a flat percentage rate for all locations within the county and to review and update the transportation policy.

Vandeyacht reported that the WDVA CVSO grant/reimbursement instructions/policy has been further clarified. The 2016 Grant/reimbursement will be submitted by 30 October 2016 which is the deadline for the first part of the 2016 grant.

Shrock reported that the Berlin VFW has a large amount of money from a fundraiser. This VFW post plans on distributing portions of it to different veteran programs. After the October meeting the final plans should be approved. There should be a specified amount of funds set aside for veterans needing assistance that are referred by local CVSO's. The amounts and rules will be approved at the next post meeting.

**Service Office Report:** Vandeyacht reported that there will not be a COLA for anyone in 2016. The Fed reported that the cost index has not increased for 2016 due largely to the low cost of gas and fuels. This will affect VA pensions, compensations and Social Security amongst the many federal programs.

Vandeyacht reported that he attended the Wisconsin CVSOA fall convention. There was much information discussed about the many changes taking place within the Veteran Affairs. The fall 2016 WI CVSOA Convention will take place in Green Lake County.

Vandeyacht reported that there were 10 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting.

**Financial Report:** After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Future Meeting Date:** The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 10:30 A.M.

**Closed Session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c):** After discussion, Burdick made a motion to move to closed session: second by Soda. Roll call vote: Soda-aye, Burdick-aye, Shrock-aye. All eyes, motion carried.

**Return to Open Session for Decision:** After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the voucher for claim submitted: second by Soda. Roll call vote: Soda-nay, Burdick-nay, Shrock-nay. All nays, motion not carried.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M. on a motion by Burdick. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jon D. Vandeyacht  
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission