

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 9, 2008**

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 Health and Human Services Center, Green Lake, WI, at 10:30 A.M. on October 9, 2008.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Tony Soda, and Gerald Beuthin, Secretary.

Absent: Sue Arndt, excused.

Others present: Orrin Helmer, County Board Chair; Greg Polly, Green Lake American Legion County Commander

**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. After discussion, Soda made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Action on Minutes:** After discussion, Soda made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2008, meeting. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Appearances & Correspondence:** Greg Polly stated that he will be doing a presentation at the American Legion County Council about Camp American Legion at their November 18 meeting.

Greg Polly asked questions about eligibility for King which were answered by Beuthin.

**Old Business:** Beuthin reported that Arndt, Shrock and Beuthin attended the annual Wisconsin State Association of Veterans Service Commissions meeting that was held in Waupaca, WI, on September 12, 2008. Shrock and Beuthin presented information regarding the meeting.

Beuthin reported that attendance at the booth at the County Fair was very good and recommended that the office continue this outreach again next year.

Beuthin reported that it appears that the budget will be approved as submitted to the Finance Committee. Final budget approval will be at the November Board meeting.

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

Beuthin reported that the WDVA Transportation Grant was submitted to the WDVA. The amount to be awarded will be determined and distributed after the first of the year.

**Service Office Report:** Beuthin reported that contacts were up 3.7%, mail was down 13% and VA hospital trips are up 6.6% as compared to last year's figures.

Beuthin reported that he attended the WICVSOA Fall Conference in Waupaca the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup> and received training on both State and Federal programs.

Beuthin reported that the Federal VA budget has passed with a major increase in the budget. This should allow an increase in Priority Group 8 veterans being allowed to receive healthcare. An increase in the VA Travel Allowance to \$.41/mile will allow an adjustment in the charge to veterans receiving transportation which will result in an income increase in that account.

Beuthin reported that there were 13 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting.

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

**Future Meeting Date:** The date for the next meeting will be determined after talking to all committee members.

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

**Return to Open Session for Decision:** After discussion, Soda made a motion to forward the Service Officer's Annual Review to the Health and Human Service Committee: second by Shrock. All ayes, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. on a motion by Soda. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald R. Beuthin  
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission