

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
APRIL 6, 2009**

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 April 6, 2009.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Sue Arndt and Gerald Beuthin, Secretary.

Absent: Tony Soda, excused.

Others present: Orrin Helmer, County Board Chair

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, Arndt made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes: After discussion, Arndt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009, meeting. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: None

Old Business: Beuthin reported that the WDVA CVSO Office Grant for \$8,500 was received. Beuthin reported that there is some concern about a reduction in the Grant amount for future years due to the State budget problems.

New Business: A discussion was held about Student Government Day. Arndt announced that Winn Collins would be the speaker and that the County Bar Association has expressed an interest in becoming more involved in this program. The booklets have been printed and the certificates are being completed.

Beuthin reported that the Veterans Service Office will again have a booth at the Fair.

Beuthin reported that Laurie Cluppert will be leaving the Deputy Veterans Service Officer position as of April 17 and that Lisa Liljegren is taking over that position and started on March 27. The position has been combined with a Child Support position to make it full time with each office getting half the hours.

Service Office Report: Beuthin reported that contacts were up 11.2%, mail was up 26% and VA hospital trips are the same as compared to last year's figures.

Beuthin reported that he will be attending a meeting by the Madison VAH on April 8 and will be at the training at the WICVSOA Spring Conference in Marshfield the first week of May. Training will be on both Federal and State programs.

Beuthin report that the Milwaukee Vet Center will be opening a facility at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Lomira and they are having an open house on Thursday, April 16. This facility will handle readjustment counseling and outreach to veterans and their families

Beuthin reported that there were 12 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting.

Financial Report: After discussion, Arndt 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 Monday, July 6, 2009, at 10:30 A.M.

Closed Session : None required.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M. on a motion by Arndt. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald R. Beuthin
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission