GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION January 5, 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 January 5, 2015.

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

<u>Certification of Open Meeting Law:</u> 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.

<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> 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 October 7, 2014 meeting. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Appearances & Correspondence:</u> Beuthin presented information about the Veterans Choice Card. Discussion followed on how this affected Wisconsin veterans.

<u>Old Business:</u> Beuthin reported that Vic Shrock has been re-appointed to the Veterans Service for a three year term.

Beuthin reported that the Service Commission budget has been approved as submitted. Budget was same as approved for the previous year.

<u>New Business:</u> Beuthin reported that Robin Colhouer will begin to send out letters to the schools shortly regarding Student Government Day. Robin will also be contacting Sue Streholski and the County Legion Commander.

Beuthin reported that the WDVA CVSO Grant application should be coming in shortly. The Grant is normally due on May 15.

Service Office Report: Beuthin reported that for 2014 contacts were up 3.8%, mail was up 25.9% and VA hospital trips are up 12.8% as compared to 2013.

Beuthin reported that the new mileage reimbursement rate for 2015 will be \$.575 per mile, effective January 1, 2015.

Beuthin reported that the WDVA Transportation Grant should be received shortly.

Beuthin reported that there were 13 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting. The total deaths for the year were 66.

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

<u>Future Meeting Date:</u> The date for the next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2015, at 10:30 A.M.

Closed Session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c): None required.

<u>Adjournment:</u> The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M. on a motion by Soda. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald R. Beuthin

Secretary, Veterans Service Commission