## GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION JULY 5, 2011

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 5, 2011.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Tony Soda, Sue Arndt, County Board Chairman Dan Priske, and Gerald Beuthin, Secretary.

<u>Certification of Open Meeting Law:</u> The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

<u>Call to Order:</u> 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 Arndt. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Action on Minutes:</u> After discussion, Arndt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011, meeting. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Appearances & Correspondence:</u> Beuthin presented information on the Run for Sam event sponsored by the Princeton VFW post.

<u>Old Business:</u> Arndt reported that Student Government Day went well and that the students presented themselves well.

Beuthin reported that the WDVA CVSO Grant for \$8500.00 was received on June 10.

<u>New Business:</u> Beuthin reported that the latest budget directive was for a 3% cut in budgets including personnel costs. Beuthin reported that he is submitting a budget for the Veterans Service Commission for \$3700.00, the same as last year. The budget will have a 3% reduction in non-personnel costs, but will not meet the 3% overall reduction goal.

Beuthin reported that the Veterans Service Office will again have a booth at the County Fair and that Lisa and him will man the booth as much as practical. This is a great opportunity to get information out to people that don't ordinarily have contact with the office.

Beuthin reported that the Wisconsin State Association of County Veterans Service Commissioners will have their annual meeting in Waupaca on Friday, September 9, and that he will forward the agenda and registration to everyone when he receives it.

Beuthin reported that the county mileage reimbursement rate was increased to \$.555 per mile effective July 1.

Beuthin reported that two new volunteer drivers have been recruited for driving veterans to their VA hospital appointments. They are Mark Kramer and Dave Youngbauer.

Soda reported that he has compiled a more complete list of veterans in the Princeton area cemeteries. This information was given to the Service Office to add to their records.

<u>Service Office Report:</u> Beuthin reported that for 2011 contacts were up 13%, mail was up 30% and VA hospital trips are up 7%.

Beuthin reported that he will be attending the WICVSOA Fall Conference in Wausau the week of October 3-7. Training will be concentrated of Federal programs.

Beuthin reported that there were 4 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting.

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

**Future Meeting Date:** The date for the next meeting will be Monday, October 24, 2011, at 10:30 A.M.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Gerald R. Beuthin

Secretary, Veterans Service Commission