GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION JULY 9, 2019

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 9, 2019.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, Robert Mosolf, and Jon Vandeyacht, 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, Burdick made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Mosolf. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Action on Minutes:</u> After discussion, Mosolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2019 meeting. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: None

Old Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2019 Green lake county fair is quickly approaching. The booth has been paid for and some new supplies were purchased. This year, the CVSO office is planning on recognizing the Air force and hope to have some sort of display to grab Veterans Attention.

Vandeyacht reported the Spring CVSO Conference was held in Kenosha. Required training was received. There are many changes that were recently introduced by VA for their entire appeals process. This affects how new claims are submitted as well.

Vandeyacht reported that he expects the County Corps Council to soon approve the contract between VetPro and the County. He hopes to be switched over to the new vender later in the summer.

Vandeyacht provided a copy of a policy for the Service Commission Aid/Grant for the Service Commissioners to review and then decide to approve or make changes at the next meeting. The new policy doesn't change the program, it sets definitions and clear rules on how the aid is to be used.

Vandeyacht talked about updating the Veterans Transportation policy to be more clear and define where and how it works. Recently there have been many requests for transportation to locations that are not served and it isn't clear in the policy. It was decided that the commission will work on the transportation policy after the Commission aid policy is final.

<u>New Business</u>: Vandeyacht reported that fiscal 2020 budget has been initiated. The end amount of all accounts will remain the same or a little less than years past..

Vandeyacht reported that the WDVA CVSO Grant looks like it will stay at the same levels. WDVA Secretary Zimmerman had a proposal to increase the grant levels and the new WDVA Secretary hasn't put any focus on continuing those changes.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2019 Fall CVSO conference will be in Madison. Both the Deputy CVSO and he will be in attendance.

Vandeyacht reported that he hasn't heard any information about the annual service commission meeting in Waupaca for 2019 as of this meeting. He will notify the service commission members as soon as there is any information published.

<u>Service Office Report</u>: Vandeyacht reported that contacts for 2019 have stayed relatively consistent with past years. Veteran appointments requiring transportation have seen a slight increase in the quantity of Veterans using the program.

Vandeyacht reported that the greatest group of Veterans that have passed in the last 6 months have been Vietnam Era Veterans. This is a change from Veterans of the Korean War era.

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

Future Meeting Date: The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday 8 October, 2019, at 10:30 A.M.

Closed Session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c): not required.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M. on a motion by Burdick. Second by Mosolf. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon D. Vandeyacht Secretary, Veterans Service Commission