GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION OCTOBER 13, 2020

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 October 13, 2020.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, and Jon Vandeyacht, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda: After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Action on Minutes:</u> After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: County Board Supervisor Keith Hess

Old Business:

- a. Vandeyacht reported that the Budget was submitted for 2021 and will have the same Service Commission funds as this year. Final budget will be approved at the November 2020 County Board meeting.
- b. 2021 WDVA/CVSO Grant application will be released soon. As in years past, it will remain at \$8,500.
- c. Vandeyacht reported that the 2020 Fall CVSO conference was held in person, however, remote attendance was available and both Robin and he attended remotely. There were many important items that were trained on which is quite important, not just for maintaining accreditation but to keep up on all of the recent changes within the federal VA's appeals program (AMA)
- d. Vandeyacht discussed that due to CoVid Safe at Home order, the 2020 Student Government day was not held. Will see if 2021 will go forward and plan from there.

New Business:

a. It was noted that the term of appointment of Shrock to the Service Commission expires in December. Shrock expressed interest in seeking reappointment for another

term. It was also discussed about possible replacement of Robert Mosolf who has not attended the last 3 meetings.

b. Vandeyacht reported that the 2020 WDVA Transportation Grant was submitted.

c. Vandeyacht reported that the Service Commission Aid/Grant funds were not in as high of a demand this year. The protections in place due to CoVid have negated the need for this assistance in 2020, expectations are that 2021 will be heavy in demand if protections are not extended by congress.

Service Office Report:

Vandeyacht reported that for 2020 as compared to the past 3 years; contacts were mostly the same if not less by a little. U.S. mail was almost nonexistent and VA hospital trips are down significantly due to limited appointments because of CoVid. Email and phones are the preferred communication by Veterans. Office Visits were down due to the CoVid Safe at home order. Final percentages will be calculated with the end of year report.

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

<u>Future Meeting Date:</u> The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 10:30 A.M.

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Jon D. Vandeyacht

Secretary, Veterans Service Commission