

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
January 11, 2022**

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 11, 2022

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

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 10:35 A.M. by Chairman Shrock.

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

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

Action on Minutes: After discussion, Mosolf made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Vandeyacht reported that Robert Mosolf will be re-appointed as a Service Commissioner at the Feb. 2022 County board meeting.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2022 Budget was approved as submitted. The budget proposed, that he had control over, had the same total dollar value as 2021. Some individual accounts totals were changed but the end value is the same. The 2021 budget isn't totally completed yet, but with expected receipts yet to be paid, the department will finish under the total budgeted for the year.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2022 WDVA CVSO Grant is open for application and will be submitted before the end of the month. With the passing of the last state biannual budget, it was officially increased to \$9,300 from \$8,500 where it has been for many years.

Vandeyacht reported the 2022 WDVA transportation grant was submitted and should have been received. Based on lack of appointments within the VHA during Covid, there were few rides so the grant was not as large as years past.

New Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2022 Student Government Day has not been identified as happening or being cancelled yet. He will plan as it is, unless hearing otherwise. The pandemic is still ongoing and could be postponed one more year.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2022 CVSO conferences are in the planning stage. The Spring Conference will be in LaCrosse. The fall conference location has not been identified yet.

Vandeyacht reported the 2022's Outreach plan will be the setting up of benefit tables at various Veterans Service Organizational events throughout the county. It has been successful at reaching new to the office Veterans last year and hopes to keep it going. He will have a table set up similar to the county fair but with the intent of reaching Veterans to discuss their benefits or needs.

Service Office Report: Vandeyacht reported that 2021's contacts were back up to almost pre Covid-19 pandemic levels. The VA continues to try to use telehealth as much as possible, so transportation was still reduced for 2021. Vandeyacht is working on the annual report and will have final numbers at the next meeting.

Vandeyacht reported that the Service commission aid/grant use during 2021 was used primarily at the end of the year. Most of the budgeted funds were used.

Vandeyacht reported that, both himself and Robin attended the WICVSOA fall conference in Fond Du Lac. The training was required to maintain accreditation.

Vandeyacht reported that due to the increased price in fuel and groceries (CPI Index) that the COLA for 2022 is 5.9 . It will average about \$100 per person on the median Disability and Social Security of \$1,500/month.

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

Future Meeting Date: The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 10:30

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M. on a motion by Burdick. Second by Mosolf. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon D. Vandeyacht
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission