GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION October 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 10:35 A.M. on October 11, 2022

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.

<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 Mosolf. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Action on Minutes:</u> After discussion, Mosolf made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Jul12, 2022 meeting. Second by Mosolf. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: None

<u>Old Business:</u> Vandeyacht reported that the Fair went as expected for 2022. The goal of at least 10 new contacts not previously made with the office was met and within 60 days after the fair, 5 had already come to the office for assistance.

Vandeyacht reported that the Outreach plan for 2022's summer was successful. The CVSO office was present at several different events including a large multi county expo in Fond du lac. He plans on some new marketing supplies for 2023 due to feedback this year.

New Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2023 budget proposal was submitted to the county administrator. The budget total will remain the same as 2022's.

Vandeyacht reported that the Transportation grant will be opened up this month. He will have it filled out and submitted before the end of the month.

Vandeyacht reported that the WDVA/CVSO grant should be published later this year. 2023 will be the same as 2022 but the Governor signed a bill that should increase it again for 2024.

Vandeyacht reported that the fall 2022 Conference was happening later this month. He won't be attending the conference as he met his requirements for the year with the spring conference and was going to be out of the office for two weeks just after and didn't want to be out for three weeks in a row.

The State service commission was still on hold due to covid, as such, there was not an annual state Service Commissioner meeting in 2022. The leadership was working to restart again in 2023.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2021 Order for flag holders came 6 months after the order was placed. The funds for that was taken from 2022's budget. The office was in a good place for flag holders, but he is planning on ordering a few more yet in 2022. The emergency aid was only half used at the time of this meeting.

Vandeyacht identified that Robert Burdick was due to be reappointed for the next term. Burdick stated he had an upcoming test and would let him know after, if he would like to seek one more term as a service commissioner.

Service Office Report: Vandeyacht reported that contacts are high. The passage of the new PACT act was a large driver in the recent requests for aid. Most claims are not submitted thru a direct upload portal which as sped up the handling & processing of claims. transportation to VA appointments are increasing compared to the last couple of years but are still down as a whole. Advertising in 2023's outreach plan will hopefully increase that programs use. Overall, claims are getting finished faster than before and more and more of them are getting approved.

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

<u>Future Meeting Date:</u> The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 10, 2023 at 10:30

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M. by Shrock.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon D. Vandeyacht Secretary, Veterans Service Commission