## GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION January 10, 2023

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 10, 2023

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 10:35 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.

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

**Appearances & Correspondence:** Tony Daily, Berlin Journal reporter.

<u>Old Business:</u> Vandeyacht asked Robert Burdick if he was willing to be on the Commission for another term. Burdick agreed for one last term and will be re-appointed as a Service Commissioner at the Feb. 2023 County board meeting.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2023 Budget was approved as submitted. The budget proposed that he had control over, had the same total dollar value as 2022. Some individual accounts totals were changed but the end value is the same.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2023 WDVA CVSO Grant is open for application and will be submitted before the end of the month. The grant will be \$9,300

Vandeyacht reported the 2023 WDVA transportation grant was submitted and should has been received.

<u>New Business:</u> Vandeyacht reported that the 2023 Student Government Day planning will be starting in February. He is looking for a guest speaker. It will take place on 18 April 2023

Vandeyacht reported that the 2023 CVSO conferences are in the planning stage. The Spring Conference will be in Madison and will also be a National Conference. The fall conference location has not been identified yet.

Vandeyacht reported the 2023's Outreach plan will be the setting up of benefit tables at various Veterans Service Organizational events throughout the county again. It was successful in 2022. Also, there is a chance of getting ARPA funds thru WDVA just for outreach. It will be around 14,000 and to be spent by the end of 2024. The application for that has already been submitted.

Vandeyacht reported that only about half of the Service Commission grant was used in 2022. This is a sign that the Veteran community in Green Lake County has been relatively stable in a fiscal sense. He hopes 2023's use of the grant will be about the same.

<u>Service Office Report:</u> Vandeyacht reported that 2022's contacts were back up to pre Covid-19 pandemic levels or better. The VA continues to try to use telehealth as much as possible, so transportation was still reduced as compared to pre Covid use. Vandeyacht is working on the annual report and will have final numbers at the next meeting.

Vandeyacht reported that due to the increased price in fuel and groceries (CPI Index) that the COLA for 2023 is 8.7. It will average about \$172 per person on the median Disability and Social Security of \$1,500/month.

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

<u>Future Meeting Date:</u> The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023 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