

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
April 9, 2024**

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 April 9, 2024

Members present: Victor Shrock, Raymond Hudzinski 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 10:30 A.M. by Chairman Shrock.

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

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

Action on Minutes: After discussion, Hudzinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: None

Old Business: Vandeyacht reported Victor Shrock's appointment was due to end in 2023, and with his desire to continue one more term, was reappointed by the County board for another 3 year term.

Vandeyacht reported the 2024 budget had been submitted on time in 2023 and was approved as submitted.

Vandeyacht reported the 2024 WDVA CVSO Grant was submitted. This year will see an increase from last year. WDVA Secretary James Bond understands the struggles of the CVSO offices to increase services with the greater demand of services due to the PACT act, without increased funding from the Counties, so the increase was his way to helping.

Vandeyacht reported the 2024 Transportation grant that was submitted 4th quarter 2023 has been received. WDVA secretary James Bond is trying to get legislation passed to increase that funding and include other counties that are otherwise disqualified under certain conditions.

New Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2023 County fair is currently in its planning phase. The CVSO office will be sharing a booth with the county health nurses. The focus will be mental health and suicide awareness, though the Veterans will still have all programs listed as well.

Vandeyacht reported that the office did find a 2nd volunteer driver, unfortunately, he decided to go back to school and is unable to help the office. The office will continue to find a 2nd Volunteer Driver and is super grateful that the current driver is readily available.

Vandeyacht reported the 2024 Student Government Day is set and ready to go. It will be next week on Tuesday. The CVSOS Spring Conference is happening during the same week but he will be present for Student Government Day.

Vandeyacht reported that the Wisconsin CVSOS Association will be having a spring conference in Green Bay next week. Both himself and Robin will be in attendance this spring. The Fall Conference will take place in Keshina in October.

Vandeyacht reported that he will be conducting outreach in various parts of the county over the summer months of 2024. Along with the fair, he will be at various VSO programs with a benefits table. The last 2 years have been successful in reaching Veterans that haven't previously interacted with the office or has been more than 10 years since the last time.

Vandeyacht reported that the Service Commission Grant program has had limited use over the last year and this is a sign that Green Lake County Veterans in general are in relatively good financial shape compared to past years where half of the grant money would otherwise be used by now.

Service Office Report: Vandeyacht reported that 2023's contacts were significantly increased compared to years past with the passage of the PACT act granting new presumptive disabilities for Agent Orange exposed as well as the many presumptive for toxic exposure in the middle east, So far for 2024, the demand for services and assistance has been reduced compared to last year though still at a higher rate than the average for this time of year.

Vandeyacht reported he will be out of the office next week for the spring conference though he will be back on Tuesday for the Student Government Day.

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

Future Meeting Date: The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jul 9, 2024 at 10:30

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

Respectfully submitted:



Jon D. Vandeyacht
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission