

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
January 14, 2025**

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 14, 2025

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, Mosolf made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Burdick. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Appearances & Correspondence: Keith Hess

Old Business: Vandeyacht asked Ray Hudzinski if he was willing to be on the Commission for another term. Hudzinski agreed for another term and will be re-appointed as a Service Commissioner starting in 2025.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2024 Budget was approved as submitted. The budget proposed that he had control over, had the same total dollar value as 2022, 23 & 24. Some individual accounts totals were changed but the end value is the same. The County administrator had to make a reduction so the Travel budget line was reduced from proposed.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2025 WDVA CVSO Grant is open for application and will be submitted before the end of the month. The grant will be \$11,000

Vandeyacht reported the 2024 WDVA transportation grant was submitted and should be received soon

Vandeyacht reported that all of the ARRP grant that was shared from WDVA was fully expended by the deadline of 31Dec2024. The biggest impact was the push-button door openers for handicap access on the outer HHS Door and the CVSO office door. There was a savings to the county as some of the items that would have been purchased under the regular budget was covered by the grant.

Vandeyacht reported that with the assistance of a local reporter in the local papers, he had one new volunteer driver vetted and ready to go and another in the process. He expects to start advertising the program sometime between April and May.

New Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2025 Student Government Day planning will be starting in February. He is looking for a guest speaker. It will take place on 15 April 2025

Vandeyacht reported that the 2025 CVSO conferences are in the planning stage. The Spring Conference will be in Superior. 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 over the last few years. With ARRA funds purchases, the outreach tables will be much easier to be identified and should increase interest.

Vandeyacht reported that a little over half of the Service Commission grant was used in 2024. This is a sign that the Veteran community in Green Lake County has been relatively stable in a fiscal sense. He hopes 2025's use of the grant will be about the same or less as it is a good report card on county veterans financial health.

Service Office Report: Vandeyacht reported that 2024's contacts stayed pretty strong. 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 2025 is 2.5 . It will average about \$46 per person on the median Disability and Social Security of \$1,500/month.

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

Future Meeting Date: The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 10:30

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M. on a motion by Hudzinski. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon D. Vandeyacht
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission