GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION July 8, 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 Jul 8, 2025

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, Raymond Hudzinski 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:

Action on Minutes: Approved

Appearances & Correspondence: None

<u>Old Business:</u> Vandeyacht talked about the planning update for the 2025 Fair. The Veterans Service Office will have a booth by themselves again, unlike 2024.

Vandeyacht reported that a new volunteer driver has been found, validated and started providing transportation. He will be the back up driver as he is more limited than the primary.

Vandeyacht reported that 2025 Veteran Outreach has been going well. There has been a significant increase in questions about proposals and rumors about reduction in Veteran benefits coming out of Washington. Most are just proposals, rumors and misinformation which validates the continued need of outreach.

New Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2026 Budget cycle has kicked off and so far hasn't been asked to reduce the budget. It will be submitted to the county administrator by the end of the month without an increase in operation funds requested for the 10th year straight.

The CVSO fall conference will be in Euclaire in October. Vandeyacht is the state association of CVSO's tech committee chairperson. He maintains the website and forums as well as maintains the equipment for the association's conferences.

Service Office Report: Vandeyacht reported that this years contacts have started to increase again due to confusion between rumors and facts about possible changes to Federal benefits for Veterans. The claims process has slowed down due to the high number of staff the VA had to let go due to presidential demand. This includes appeals at BVA. The good from this is more Veterans as checking on their benefits or initially signing up for them and claims approval rates continue to be high.

Vandeyacht reported that WDVA secretary, James Bond, had stopped in the Office as part of his continued push to visit with all CVSOs in the state.

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

<u>Future Meeting Date:</u> The date for the next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025 at 10:30

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M. by Shrock.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon D. Vandeyacht Secretary, Veterans Service Commission