

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 11, 2013**

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 October 11, 2013.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, Tony Soda, and Gerald Beuthin, 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, Soda 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 of the July 8, 2013 meeting. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: None

Old Business: Shrock reported that he and Beuthin attended the Service Commissioners meeting at King on September 13 and they thought it was an informative meeting and more organized than previous meetings. Next meeting will be September 12, 2014.

Beuthin reported that attendance at the booth at the County Fair was very good and that the office continue this outreach again next year.

Beuthin reported that the Budget was submitted for 2014 and will be the same for Service Commission funds as this year. Final budget will be approved at the November County Board meeting.

New Business: It was noted that the term of appointment of Burdick to the Service Commission expires in December. Burdick expressed his interest in being reappointed. Beuthin will write a memo to the County Board Chairman recommending that Burdick be reappointed.

Beuthin reported that the WDVA Transportation Grant was submitted on September 24. The amount to be awarded will be determined and distributed after the first of the year.

Soda brought up concerns about the Affordable Care Act. Discussion followed.

Service Office Report: Beuthin reported that for 2013 contacts were down 3.6%, mail was up 4.1% and VA hospital trips are down 9.8% as compared to 2012.

Beuthin reported that he attended the WICVSOA fall conference in Janesville from September 30 through October 4. The training was mostly on Federal VA programs and benefits and is required for him to maintain accreditation.

Beuthin reported that during the Federal Government partial shutdown that the VA hospitals and clinics will remain open as usual and that the VA Regional Office is closed to walk-ins but will continue to handle claims. No checks will be affected but that may change if the shutdown continues.

Beuthin handled out a letter of request for office space from the Veterans Assistance Foundation. Beuthin said that this request has been approved by the county P & I Committee and the H&HS Committee and that he would be in contact with the VAF to make the final arrangements.

Beuthin reported that he will be asking for an increase in Transportation Fees at the November Transportation Committee meeting in November and the H & HS Committee meeting in December. The increase of approximately 10% in the rates will go into effect on January 1, 2014, if approved.

Beuthin reported that there were 16 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting.

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

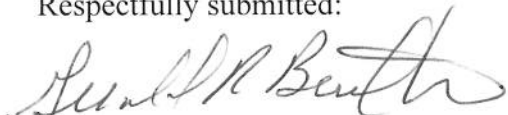
Future Meeting Date: The date for the next meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2014, at 10:30 A.M.

Closed Session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c): After discussion, Soda made a motion to move to closed session: second by Burdick. Roll call vote; Soda-aye, Burdick-aye, Shrock-aye. All ayes, motion carried.

Return to Open Session for Decision: After discussion, Burdick made a motion to forward the Service Officer's annual review to the Health and Human Service Committee. Second by Soda. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. on a motion by Burdick. Second by Soda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Gerald R. Beuthin
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission