

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
January 14, 2020**

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, 2020

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, 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, Burdick made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Action on Minutes: After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Appearances & Correspondence: Harley Reabe (County Board Chair) Keith Hess (County Board Supervisor) Wilton Tettenborn (Veteran)

Old Business: Vandeyacht reported that Robert Burdick... Was re-appointed as a Service Commissioner at the Dec. 2019 county board meeting.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2020 County Veteran Services budget has been approved as requested. There were minor changes in amounts in each budget line but the total requested was the same as the past few years. The 2018 Budget had the highest use % than the past few years but 2019 finished in a very good spot.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2020 WDVA CVSO Grant is open for application and will be submitted before the end of the month. It is the same in years past at \$8,500 for the county. Since last reporting, there has been no movement from the state regarding the increasing of the grant anymore.

Vandeyacht reported the 2020 WDVA transportation grant was submitted and should have been received. Not sure what its value will be as it is determined based on cost to county and how many other counties applied.

New Business: Vandeyacht reported that the 2020 Student Government Day will take place 21 April which is the week following the next service commission meeting. Planning was in the early stages, discussion with teachers has started and it was asked if any of the service commissioners had suggestions or ideas on this year's speaker.

Vandeyacht reported that the 2020 CVSO conferences will be out of the area this year, so there will not be a savings on costs with the ability to commute from home each day. The spring conference will be in Keshena with the fall conference location not having been announced yet.

Vandeyacht reported the 2019's Outreach plan of reaching out to younger Veterans with print and social media having been limited. 2020 will focus more on countywide advertising thru local events and investigate on the more widely used social media.

Service Office Report: Vandeyacht reported that for the year contacts were steady. U.S. mail was down considerably since fax and direct uploads remain the primary means of claims submission. E-mail has drastically increased. VA hospital trips are down again this year even though new users of the program started to use it. The final numbers will be calculated for the End of year report and presented at the next meeting with the end of year report.

Vandeyacht reported that he will attend the WICVSOA Spring conference in May in Keshena. The training is required for him to maintain accreditation. The fall 2020 WICVSOA Conference will be attended by both the Deputy CVSO (Robin) and himself.

Vandeyacht reported that due to the increased price in fuel and groceries (CPI Index) that the COLA for 2020 is 1.6. It will average about \$24 per person on the median Disability and Social Security of \$1,500/month. The county's 2020 reimbursement rate for mileage is now \$0.575.

Vandeyacht reported that the Service Commission Emergency Aid Grant was mostly used for 2019. The 2020 budget kept the account at the same value and if 2020 shows consistent usage than we won't request an increase in 2021.

Financial Report: After discussion, Burdick 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, April 14, 2020 at 10:30

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M. on a motion by Burdick. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Jon D. Vandeyacht
Secretary, Veterans Service Commission