



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner President: James Grandgenett

Commissioner Vice Chairwoman/Secretary: Carole Bernhard

Commissioner Kevin Molsberry

Commissioner Troy Brandt

Commissioner Gary Forsythe

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting August 10th, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

Location: Conference Room #110, Court House Annex, 109 West State Street, Algona, IA 50511.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call; all present.
3. Guests: None
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes: Approved.
5. Old Business:

a. Number of Open Claims in System: 45; There are 13 claims pending development, Ready for decision, 3 and Ready for work 0. To date tracking 1168 records of veterans. There are 0 IA VET Trust fund applications pending submission from the previous month, 0 for the current month and 0 have been approved YTD. There are currently 0 VA caregiver applications in process. Home Improvement Structured Alteration (HISA) grant(s) pending for 2023 is 1 and total granted YTD are 0. Director Green has mailed 1 Brushy Creek Honor Flight Applications mailed out. Director Green completed on 1 Iowa Veterans' Home Application.

b. Update Directors Activities: Director Green updated the Commission on activities for July 2023.

c. Budget Review: Director Green and the Commission reviewed the monthly expense summary. Director Green is still awaiting State Grant monies.

d. Reports: Director Green informed the Commission on the following VETPRO Reports: the interactions/utilization reports summary; forms created/submitted for July 2023, 79; completed claims w/decision July 2023-5 monthly award is \$11,061.45 and retro award is \$22,464.11; completed claims w/decision YTD—monthly award is \$26897.04 and retro award is \$61,253.15. VETPRO company continues to be receptive to input on report needs and responded to fix an outdated form within their software.

e. Training: Director Green completed District 5 training in Marshalltown on 14 Jul 23. Fall school is scheduled for 9-10 Oct 23 in Altoona. This training is for Commissioners and VSOs.

f. Outreach Activities: Dan attended the KC/PA ECD Breakfast in Whittemore on 26 July 23 and attended PH Day on 7 Aug 23 in Whittemore. He is scheduled to attend Military Retiree Day in DSM on 17 Aug 23 and the VSO Booth for CCF 14 Sep 23.

g. Cost Analysis Update: None scheduled.

h. Information: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should Know AUG 2023, Running Awards by County-JUN 2023, Military Toxic Exposures, Veterans Justice Outreach Flyer, Latest VA Approved Care Facilities.

6. New Business:

a. Communication from the Commission:

(1) Commissioner Bernhard requested Director Green supply new board members with HIPAA training package.

(2) Discussion, Part time assistance—VA Office (tabled—until further notice)

(3) County Binders Estimate for Book 4 is still forthcoming—Director Green is still attempting to follow-up with vendor.

b. Commissioner Remarks: none

c. Of note current counties without a VSO are Hancock, Cerro Gordo and Humboldt.

7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Bernhard and seconded by Commissioner Grandgenett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 17:52 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE