



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

President: James Grandgenett

1st Chairwoman: Kim Groesbeck

Vice Chairwoman: Carole Bernhard

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting August 12th, 2021 at 4:45p.m.

Location: Conference Room #110, Court House Annex, 109 West State Street, Algona, IA 50511 and Commissioner Bernhard via telecon.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call; present were VSO Daniel Green, Commissioner Kim Groesbeck and Commissioner Carole Bernhard.
3. Guests: ___NONE___
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Number of Open Claims in System: 50. There are 0 claims pending development and 3 awaiting final submission. To date tracking 967 records of veterans. There is 1 IA VET Trust fund application pending submission and 1 (BVA review) caregiver applications were submitted.
 - b. Update Directors Activities: Director Green updated the Commission on activities for JUL 2021.
 - c. Budget Review: Director Green provided a handout on current expenditures and an email on how allocations checks are disseminated. Director Green is still awaiting on 10K state grant monies. He also provided a fixed assets report to the Commissioners.
 - d. Training Updates: Director Green provided a handout for the Commissioners on the highlights of the hybrid-format National Conference (a virtual event for Dan).
 - e. Mobile Medical Unit: The mobile medical is scheduled for August 27th, and November 19th.
 - f. Outreach Activities: Director Green participated in two outreach events; the 21 July KC Economic Development Breakfast and the 29 July Salute to Veterans Race Night.

- g. Director Green updated the Commissioners on his plans for VA Commissioner meeting notices to the public.
 - h. Director Green was selected for the state-level training committee position.
 - i. Director Green provided the following to the Commissioners; Veterans Information, VHA Ambulance Transportation, VA Option to Avoid Foreclosure due to COVID, Female Vet Conference, VA News releases: 20 more judges appointed, VA to begin processing claims on particulate matter and the handout on running awards by county for June 2021.
 - j. Jim Mori "BookGuy" will be scanning the Armed Forces Books 1-3 in AUG/SEP.
6. New Business:
- a. Dan discussed the challenges VSO are facing within our District and explained that he has worked with Veterans from other counties due to the loss of a VSO. He is working on billing the sister county(s) for the work he does for them.
 - b. Communication from the Commission: Director Green's Mid-year feedback from Commissioners is delayed until Sept 2021.
 - c. Future plan for request to go from 3 to 5-person commission—to be discussed and approached during the annual planning session next Fiscal Year.
7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Groesbeck and seconded by Commissioner Bernhard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE