



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 December 14th, 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 except Commissioner Bernhard and Commissioner Molsberry
3. Guests: None
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes: Approved.
5. Old Business:

a. Number of Open Claims in System: 48; There are 15 claims pending development, ready for decision 5, secondary ready for decision claims 1, rating decision complete 2, ready for work 0. To date tracking 1193 records of veterans. There are 0 IA VET Trust fund applications pending submission from the previous month, 1 withdrawn, and 0 have been approved YTD.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 November 2023 and 5-year rollup of activities as of November 2023.

c. Budget Review: Director Green and the Commission reviewed the monthly expense summary for November. The Commission reviewed the DRAFT Budget for 2024-2025 and discussed the changes proposed draft reductions. Director Green attended the County Compensation Board meeting and the VA Commission discussed Director Green's proposed salary for the 2024-2025 year.

d. Reports: Director Green reminded the Commission on the following VETPRO Reports continue to be a work in progress and are not 100% accurate due to the limited report features. He provided a screenshot of the Ad Hoc reports he is developing. Reports: the interactions/utilization reports summary; forms created/submitted for November 2023, 105; completed claims w/decision November 2023 monthly award is \$2,117.16 and retro award is \$3,958.95; completed claims w/decision YTD—monthly award is \$48,818.56 and retro award is \$98,892.64. ADHOC reports to date: Spouse DIC is \$27,538.08, Retro: \$181,690.90, Spouse Survivor Pension is \$8,891.00, Retro: \$22,035.00, Veteran Compensation is \$461,781.59 Retro: \$1,680,726.13. Veteran Pension \$22,243.15, Retro: \$102,585.48. Veteran Burials Service Connected is \$22,000.00 and

Veteran Burials non-Service Connected is \$1,107.00. Veterans rated IU is 12. Veterans Rated Total and Permanent 100% is 23.

e. Training: Director Green completed annual re-accreditation exam and passed. This is now an annual vs 5-year requirement for the VSO. He also completed District 5 Training 30 November 2023 and completed 3-days instructing New VSO Training 5-7 December 2023 via MS Teams (virtual). Finally, he is currently working on the Office SOP.

f. Outreach Activities: Director Green does not have any activities scheduled.

g. Cost Analysis Update: None scheduled.

h. Director Green is currently working on Veterans Affairs Shirts for Commissioners and VSO and preparing the budget for the 5 January 2024 BOS presentation.

i. Information: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should Know December 2023, KCVA Emergency Update Information for 2023, AML Oppose the PLUS Act, VA DBQ Fraud Schemes, WWII Vets granted free healthcare, FACT Sheet Veterans Day support.

6. New Business:

a. Communication from the Commission:

(1) Follow-up status HIPAA/PII Training. Need MFR for HIPAA Training Completion.

(2) Commissioners worked out a date for finalizing Director Green's Annual Evaluation.

(3) County Binders Estimate for Book 4 is still forthcoming—Director Green communicated with Jim Morey and due to a large project on Mr. Morey's end, he is still waiting on estimate.

b. Commissioner Remarks: None

7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Brandt and seconded by Commissioner Forsythe, Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.

SIGNED:

DATE