

**Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs** 

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner: Chairman- 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 July 13th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

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

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call; Daniel Green, Carole Bernhard, Jim Grandgenett, Kim Groesbeck, Kevin Molsberry, Gary Forsythe, Troy Brandt.
- 3. Absent: Carole Bernhard
- 4. Guests: Kyle Stecker Vice Chairman KC BOS. (Swearing in of new Kossuth County Board of Commissioners for Veterans Affairs: Kevin Molsberry, Gary Forsythe and Troy Brandt.)
- 5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes: Approved.
- 6. Old Business:

a. Number of Open Claims in System: 42; There are 14 claims pending development, Ready for decision 6, and Ready for work 0 (none). To date tracking 1167 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 is currently no VA caregiver application in process. Home Improvement Structured Alteration (HISA) grant(s) pending for 2023 is 1 and total 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 JUNE 2023.

c. Budget Review: Director Green and the Commission reviewed the monthly expense summary. The Commission reviewed the quarterly report for July. The report was approved and signed by the Commissioners. The department is awaiting its State Grant monies from IDVA.

d. Reports: Director Green informed the Commission on the following VETRPRO Reports: Provided an interactions/utilization reports summary. Forms created for JUN: 51, Completed claims w/decision for JUN: 1, Monthly award \$1440.65, RETRO: \$4,928.24. Completed claims YTD: 16, Monthly award \$15,835.59, RETRO: \$38,788.74 e. Training: Director will be attending District 5 Training in Marshalltown on Friday 14JUL23 at the Iowa Veterans Home.

f. Outreach Activities: None Scheduled.

g. Cost Analysis Update: None scheduled.

h. Information: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should Know JUL 2023, Running Awards by County, KCVA Commission Tenure Memorandum, Kossuth County Commissioner Table, Emergency Information for the Director, PACT Act Info.

6. New Business:

a. Communication from the Commission:

(1) Director Green provided information Packets to the new Commissioners. Discussion/Share contact Information with newly appointed Commissioners. Oaths of Office were completed, signed, and provided to the Auditor. Pictures were taken. Director Green will submit an article for consideration to the Algona newspaper.

(2) Part time Assistance VA Office: - Item tabled, future work in progress.

(3) County Binders Estimate to digitize Book 4 Grave records (Due out-need to contact vendor and obtain estimate)

b. Commissioner Remarks: The Commission and Director Green extended many thanks to Commissioner Groesbeck and best wishes as she retires from her duties. Kim served the County for 11 years as an advocate for veterans and as a Commissioner. She will be missed.

7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Grandgenett and seconded by Commissioner Brandt to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE