



**Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

**Daniel D. Green, Director**

**109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511**

**President: James Grandgenett**

**1<sup>st</sup> Chairwoman: Kim Groesbeck**

**Vice Chairwoman: Carole Bernhard**

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting July 14th, 2022 at 3:30p.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; all present.
3. Guests: NONE
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes: deferred until next month.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Number of Open Claims in System: 50. There are 6 claims pending development and 0 awaiting final submission. To date tracking 1067 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 pending submission. Home Improvement Structured Alteration (HISA) grant(s) is pending for 2022 is 2 and total YTD is 1.
  - b. Update Directors Activities: Director Green updated the Commission on activities for JUN2022.
  - c. Budget Review: Director Green and the Commission reviewed the JUN/JULY2022. Reviewed Quarterly Report APR-JUN and the IDVA Grant Request Report
  - d. VetraSpec Reports: Director Green provided the following reports to the Commission: Monthly Retroactive Awards, Total Awards, 12-month projections and onetime payments, and Total Awards for 2022.
  - e. Training: Director Green attended/completed cross-accreditation with the Vietnam Veterans of America. He is assisting with the Hamilton Co. VSO w/new hire training 5 Aug 22 and is assisting District 5 President w/Commissioner Training for 12 Aug 22; details provided to Commission via prior email. Director Bernhard stated that she could not attend this training, but would be attending the training in October.

- f. Outreach Activities: Director Green is supporting Color Guard/Vets Night at the Races 21 Jul 2022 and is still scheduled to attend Communicating Across Generations Breakfast on 3 Aug 22, and Veterans' Booth at Clay Co Fair in Spencer on 17 Sep 22.
  - g. Cost Analysis Update: Proposal to go from 3 to 5-person Commission is due out.
  - h. Information: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should Know JUN2022, VHA Newsletter, Women's Day Vet Event Flyer, I-Cubs Salute to Service Flyer, Veterans Justice Outreach Flyer, First Annual Vets BBQ Flyer, New presumptive conditions flyer-Airborne particles.
6. New Business:
- a. Communication from the Commission:
    - i. Prep for Director Green's new evaluation period—as needed.
    - ii. Discussed at length the VetPro Software Program because of VetraSpec software development/improvement dissolving due to a buy-out.
  - b. Commissioner Remarks:
    - i. Encouraged Director Green to take advantage of the trial period for the VetPro Software—after finding out what happens to the 1K+ records transfer if he chooses to not purchase.
    - ii. Informed Director Green that the Commission will be providing a mid-year feedback in August.
    - iii. Asked Director Green to keep the Commission informed of any increased traffic to his office due to the new legislation on burn-pits potentially increasing cases for Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans and the expanded AOR for Vietnam Veterans which could increase benefits for that era of veterans.
7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Groesbeck and seconded by Commissioner Grandgenett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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