



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
March 17th, 2021 at 4:50p.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; Director Green, Commissioners Grandgenett and Bernhard. Absent: Commissioner Groesbeck.
3. Guests: ___NONE___
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes: accepted and approved with minor correction of adding the Yearly Calendar to the handouts the Commission received.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Number of Open Claims in System: 49. There are 3 claims pending development and 3 awaiting final submission. To date tracking 1027 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. One Home Improvement Structured Alteration (HISA) grant is pending for 2022. The Winnebago County claims have all been submitted and all decided except one.
 - b. Update Directors Activities: Director Green updated the Commission on activities for FEB2022.
 - c. Budget Review: Director Green and the Commission reviewed the 2022-2023 Director Green is preparing the Quarterly report in March.
 - d. VetraSpec Reports: Director Green provided the following reports to the Commission: Monthly Retroactive Awards, Total Awards for 2022, 12-month projections and onetime payments.

- e. Training: Director Green is registered for the IACCVSO Spring Conference 12-14 April 2022 and the NACVSO Conference 5-10 June 2022. He is conducting training to the new CVSO class, District 5 Training May 19th in Nevada, IA. Director Green completed his mentorship of two new District 5 VSOs and both are nationally accredited.
- f. Outreach Activities: Director Green is working with client at Good Sam—Survivor Pension.
- g. Information: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should Know March 2022, Running Awards by County February 2022, Legislative Updates Committee of Veterans Affairs, VA Updates and proposal of changes for respiratory, auditory, and mental disorders, NIACOG Housing Trust Fund, NACVSO Legislative Priorities for 117th Congress.

6. New Business:

- a. Communication from the Commission:
 - i. Prep for Director Green's new evaluation period—establish new goals.
 - ii. Future plan for request to go from 3 to 5-person commission—tabled until Commissioner Bernhard receives information from other commissions on how they justified the expansion.
 - iii. Commission requested information on mobile medical unit's schedule for 2022.
 - iv. Director Green will provide a copy of the Memorandum of salaries for the Commission.
- b. Commission Remarks: Commissioners are interested in the Commissioner's Self – Assessment Dan received from his conference.

7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Groesbeck and seconded by Commissioner Grandgenett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE