



**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 March 11th, 2021 at 4:45p.m.

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call.
3. Guests: NONE
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Number of Open Claims in System: 37. There are 2 claims pending development and 0 awaiting final submission. To date tracking 911 records of veterans. Director Green introduced a new metric Iowa Veterans Trust Fund Application, 1 pending.
  - b. Update Directors Activities: Director Green updated the Commission on activities for FEB2021.
  - c. Budget Review: Director Green handed out the current budget status.
  - d. Training updates: Director Green is registered for the Spring Conference April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. He is working with the District 5 President to host a District wide training session in the Kossuth County Election Center March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the Commissioners are welcome to attend all or part of the training.
  - e. Mobile Medical Unit: Director Green is working to bring the mobile medical unit to Algona. Planned dates are May 21<sup>st</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>. A postcard was provided for the Commissioners to share with the veterans in their areas.
  - f. Director Green provided some updates to the IA Veterans Trust Fund. Discussed recent changes and the potential sponsoring of a mobile food pantry through the Food Bank of Iowa. Commissioner Carole reminded the commissioners that both Algona and Bancroft have food pantries (Bancroft monthly). She thought a joint area food pantry with the District 5 VSOs and Commissioners could be a good

idea. Director Green will explore this further. The Food Bank provided a handout explaining the sponsorship benefits and opportunities.

- g. Outreach Activities: Director Green is continuing to distribute cap VA caps, quilts, pillows, and afghans.
  - h. Director Green provided the following to the Commissioners; Algona Public Library VetNow; Debt relief Options for Veterans, Reductions in Premiums for VGLI, Summation of Regional Director Visits (Senator's offices), March 2021 What Every Veteran Should Know, and the Extract of the IACCVSO listing.
  - i. The Commission discussed various ways to use the state grant monies for the year.
6. New Business:
- a. Communication from the Commission:
    - (1) 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.
    - (2) Discuss and review job description updates for 2021; Director Green provided the Commissioners with an updated electronic copy of his evaluation form incorporating any updates for 2021.
7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Bernhard and seconded by Commissioner Groesbeck to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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