



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 November 18th, 2021 at 4:45p.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: accepted and approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Number of Open Claims in System: 46, 3 for Winnebago, Co. There are 1 claims pending development and 0 awaiting final submission. To date tracking 989 records of veterans. There are 0 IA VET Trust fund applications pending submission from the previous month, 1 for the current month and 4 have been approved YTD, while 1 was disapproved. There are currently 0 VA caregiver applications pending submission, while 2 have been approved YTD. To date 1 Home Improvement Structured Alteration (HISA) grant has been approved. Director Green explained that he will continue with the claims from the Winnebago Co. because the VSO is not yet fully trained.
 - b. Update Directors Activities: Director Green updated the Commission on activities for OCT2021.
 - c. Budget Review: Director Green provided FY2021-2022 OCT expenditure report.
 - d. Training Updates: Director Green conducted training with the Winnebago VSO on 26OCT2021, and continues to mentor her as needed.
 - e. Mobile Medical Unit: The mobile medical unit is scheduled for Friday, November 19th and veterans may receive flu shots during this visit.
 - f. Outreach Activities: Director Green met with KLGA for a Veteran's Day Interview on 27OCT2021. He attended VA CBOC MC Dedication 02NOV2021 QPR Training

Crisis Response via computer 09NOV2021 and the Veterans mass at BGHS same day. He held a speaking engagement with P.C. Assisted Living 10NOV2021. MVF Asst. 11NOV2021. He attended Yellow Ribbon event in Ft. Dodge 13NOV2021 and spoke at the American Legion meeting in Bancroft 15NOV2021.

- g. Director Green provided the following to the Commissioners; Veterans Information Services NOV21, AAR from Yellow Ribbon, Extension of Presumptive periods Gulf War, Pilot Program Exposure to environmental hazards, Housing Resources Vulnerable Vets, VA Whole Health, IA Work Force Flyer, Thank You's.
6. New Business:
- a. Discussed with Director Green the protocols for driving outside our VA Catchment area. Recommendation that we limit transportation to facilities within the recommended driving time limitations provided by our transportation industry.
 - b. Communication from the Commission:
 - i. Prep for upcoming budget; awaiting worksheet documents from County Auditor.
 - ii. Conduct annual evaluation for Director.
 - iii. 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.
 - c. Commission Remarks: none.
7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Director Green and seconded by Commissioner Grandgenett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE