



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner President: 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 September 14th, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call; all present.
3. Guests: James Welsh
4. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes: Approved.
5. Old Business:

a. Number of Open Claims in System: 51; There are 15 claims pending development, ready for decision 3, secondary ready for decision claims 1 and ready for work 0. To date tracking 1172 records of veterans. There are 0 IA VET Trust fund applications pending submission from the previous month, 1 for the current month and 0 have been approved YTD. There are currently 0 VA caregiver applications in process. Home Improvement Structured Alteration (HISA) grant(s) pending for 2023 is 1 and total granted 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 August 2023.

c. Budget Review: Director Green and the Commission reviewed the monthly expense summary. Director Green received the \$10K in State Grant monies.

d. Reports: Director Green informed the Commission on the following VETPRO Reports: the interactions/utilization reports summary; forms created/submitted for July 2023, 84; completed claims w/decision August 2023-2 monthly award is \$3,952.51 and retro award is \$16,092.42; completed claims w/decision YTD—monthly award is \$30,849.55 and retro award is \$77,345.57, completed claims w/decision since using VETPRO June 2022—monthly award is \$34,113.08 and retro award is \$86,332.27. ADHOC reports to date: Added 123 Veteran dependents, recording the amounts in system: burial allowance of \$18,179.00, monthly awards

\$454,611.80, plot internment \$5,285.00, and retroactive amounts of \$1,577,734.09. Director Green continues to create ADHOC reports for analysis.

e. Training: Director Green enrolled TMS 5 CBT Courses: Bookmarking Service Treatment Records, Camp Lejune Claims Development, Intro VBMS eFolder, MST Claim Development, Gulf War Particulate Matter Claims development and Benefits Delivery at Discharge. Fall school is scheduled for 9-10 Oct 23 in Altoona. This training is for Commissioners and VSOs. Director Green is conducted mentor training with new Hancock Co VSO on 7 Sep 23.

f. Outreach Activities: Director Green is scheduled for VSO Booth for CCF 16 Sep 23.

g. Cost Analysis Update: None scheduled.

h. Information: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should Know AUG 2023, hotel confirmation packets and agenda for Fall School, IVH Flyer, PACT Act Flyer, VA Scammer Alert, VA Presumption Decision Process, VA Activities Sep 2023.

6. New Business:

a. Communication from the Commission:

(1) Commissioner Bernhard requested Director Green supply new board members with HIPAA training package.

(2) Discussion, Part time assistance—VA Office (tabled—until further notice)

(3) County Binders Estimate for Book 4 is still forthcoming—Director Green is still attempting to follow-up with vendor.

(4) Director Green's Self-Assessment

b. Commissioner Remarks: none

c. Director Green requested to participate in an initiative to improve internet access to veterans.

7. Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Grandgenett and seconded by Commissioner Bernhard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 17:45 p.m.

SIGNED:

DATE