



Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs

Daniel D. Green, Director

109 West State Street, Algona, Iowa 50511

Commissioner President/Secretary: Carole Bernhard
Commissioner Vice Chairperson/Kevin Molsberry
Commissioner Troy Brandt
Commissioner Gary Forsythe
Commissioner (Position Vacant)

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting February 13, 2025 at 4:45p.m.

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

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for POW/MIA.
3. Roll Call. Present: All Commissioners present.
4. Guests: None
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business:
 - a. METRICS:
 - I. Number of Claims in System:
 - i. Open Claims: 34
 - ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 12
 - iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
 - iv. Claims in Development: 23
 - v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 2
 - vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 1
 - vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 0
 - viii. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 3
 - ix. Number of Veteran Records: 1245
 - II. Other Federal And State Programs:
 - i. Number of Iowa Veteran Trust funds (IVTF) applications submitted/approved YTD: None
 - ii. Number of Home Improvement Structured Alterations (HISA) Grants YTD: None
 - iii. Number of Veterans in IA Veterans Home from Kossuth County: 1
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Commission reviewed Directors Activities for JAN2025 (Handout).

- c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary JAN2025 (Handout).
- d. VETPRO UPDATES: *VETPRO Reports are a work in Progress (Not 100% accurate due to limit report features) Director Green provided a snapshot of VetPro reports:
 - i. Interactions/Utilization Reports Summary: JAN2025
 - ii. Forms created: 88 Forms scanned/Submitted: 62
 - iii. Completed claims w/Decision JAN2025* Monthly award: \$3,747.13; Retro: \$18,129.90
 - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$3,747.13 Retro: \$18,129.90
 - v. AD HOC Reports developed (Works in Progress). Numbers will be adjusted based upon transfers in and out of the county, deaths of veterans and new claims adjudicated and recorded in the program.
 - (1) SYSTEM SPOUSE DIC \$38,285.40 RETRO: \$245,564.90
 - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$15,543.14 RETRO: \$40,197.00
 - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$95,084.57 RETRO: \$2,784,653.78
 - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$32,265.15 RETRO: \$135,617.80
 - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$40,000.00
 - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
 - a. Burial: \$8,919.00
 - b. Plot Allowance: \$10,025.00
 - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$2,165.00.
 - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 14
 - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 59
 - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$156,076.90
- e. TRAINING: Director Green scheduled to attend State Spring Conference 14-18 April 2024. Commissioner training available 18 March 24, 6:30pm-8pm. Pending schedule of Advanced Appeals 2025.
- f. OUTREACH: Director Green attended Vets Day at the Capitol and sent postcards to IDVA Nursing Homes, which resulted in 6 benefits claims.
- g. DUE OUTS: Director Green continues to await information from Mr. Morey on County Binders on an estimated cost for grave records scanning Book 4 and the Count Veterans War Binder. Delay is due to Mr. Morey's medical recovery.
- h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: FEB25, Legislative Update from NACVSO Mike Farmer, Updated Commissioner Table of Service, Cancer Updates Post 911 and Gulf War Veterans, Info Retrieving Freedom, Running Awards by County.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission: Director Green received the resignation letter from James Grandgenett and the Commission discussed reaching out to prior applicants, and advertising to hire new Commissioner.
- b. Director Green informed the Commission that the recruitment of new drivers for the department to drive veterans to appointments continues to be a work-in-progress. He is down to one driver.
- c. Director Green is still working on draft for Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- d. Briefly discussed Proposed legislative items SF 29, SF 36, SF 93, SF 1048 and SF 1050.
- e. Commissioner Remarks: None.

8. Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Bernhard and seconded by Commissioner Molsberry. Meeting adjourned 17:55pm.

Carole A Bernhard

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