



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 April 23, 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: 42
 - ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 9
 - iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 1
 - iv. Claims in Development: 15
 - v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 1
 - vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 0
 - vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 1
 - viii. Number of Claims inactive/suspended: 0
 - ix. Number of Veteran Records: 1255
 - 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: 1
 - iii. Number of Veterans in IA Veterans Home from Kossuth County: 1
 - b. ACTIVITIES: Update – Commission reviewed Directors Activities for MAR2025 (Handout).

- c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary MAR2025 (Handout). Director Green informed the Commission that the 25-26 Budget was approved as presented.
- 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: MAR2025
 - ii. Forms created: 70 Forms scanned/Submitted: 39
 - iii. Completed claims w/Decision MAR2025* Monthly award: \$8,406.32: Retro: \$16,232.76
 - iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: \$25,422.96 Retro: \$48,214.80
- 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 \$45,168.06 RETRO: \$245,564.91
 - (2) SYSTEM SPOUSE Survivor Pension \$16,364.14 RETRO: \$41,640.00
 - (3) SYSTEM VETERAN Compensation \$748,393.85 RETRO: \$2,815,472.67
 - (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension \$33,819.15 RETRO: \$135,617.80
 - (5) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Service Connected: \$44,000.00
 - (6) SYSTEM VETERAN Burials Non-Service Connected:
 - a. Burial: \$9,897.00
 - b. Plot Allowance: \$11,981.00
 - c. Transportation Reimbursement: \$4,095.00.
 - (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 16
 - (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 62
 - (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: \$156,936.09
- e. TRAINING: Director Green completed State Spring Conference 14-18 April 2024 in Des Moines. Director Green is registered for the National Conference in Kentucky. 13-18 July 2025. He is also registered for Advanced Appeals 2025 1-2 May 25 via CBT.
- f. OUTREACH: Mobile Medical Unit was here on 7 April 2025. The Mobile Medical Unit is scheduled to be in Algona June 2025.
- 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: APR25, Copy of Postage used for 2024 KCVA, VA Caregiver Support Program 2025, Open Meetings Law Guidance, State list 100% Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption, Copy of New IA Veterans Trust Fund.

7. New Business:

- a. Communication to/from the Commission: Director Green discussed the passage of HF 250 and 259 and Commissioner Brandt led a discussion around the new legislation on funding for service organizations to assist/backfill VSOs. The enrollment of these service organizations is low and the funds used to support VSOs in the past just aren't there anymore.
- 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 without any drivers at the moment.
- c. Director Green is still working on draft for Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).
- d. Commissioner Remarks: None

8. Commissioners adjourned at 5:34pm to interview VA County Commissioner applicants (2) and (3).

Carole L. Bernhard

SIGNED:

7 May 25

DATE