KOSSUTH
COUNTY

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 (Pending)

Subject: Minutes, Kossuth County Commission of Veterans Affairs Monthly Meeting June 12, 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 except Kevin Molsberry.
4. Guests: Jim Hartshorn
5. Review and Approval of previous monthly meeting minutes.
6. Old Business:
   a. METRICS:

      I. Number of Claims in System:

         i. Open Claims: 33
         ii. Claims Ready for Decision: 3
         iii. Claims Rating Decision Complete: 0
         iv. Claims in Development: 13
         v. Claim Response/Rework to VA: 2
         vi. Healthcare Applications Pending: 1
         vii. CHAMP VA Claims Pending: 2
         viii. Number of Claims inactive/suspended:2 (B6447, C1268)
         ix. Number of Veteran Records: 1260 –Active records 1003

      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 MAY2025 (Handout).

c. BUDGET: Commission reviewed Monthly Expense Summary MAY2025 (Handout). Director Green provided the draft expenditure letter for the IDVA's 10K state grant for the Commission to review.

d. VETRPRO 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: MAY2025
   ii. Forms created: New persons: 24, Created actions 31, Created forms 96, Submissions 23, Uploaded files 171, Entered decisions 18, Entered interactions 170
   iii. Completed claims w/Decision MAY2025* Monthly award: $17,975.77: Retro: $37,471.33
   iv. Completed claims w/Decision YTD* Monthly award: $48,176.37 Retro: $131,718.60

   v. <u>AD HOC Reports developed (Works in Progress</u>). 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 $787,577.00 RETRO: $2,891,242.63
      (4) SYSTEM VETERAN Pension $41,251.15 RETRO: $142,209.80
      (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: $5,175.00.
      (7) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated IU: 17
      (8) SYSTEM VETERANS Rated Total and Permanent 100%: 66
      (9) SYSTEM ACCRUED BENEFITS/Month of death: $156,936.09

e. TRAINING: Director Green completed Elements Necessary for Service Connection – Amy K 28 May 2025 and SBPH Into to MIL Culture, Families & Deployments 5 Jun 2025. Director Green is registered for the National Conference in Kentucky, 13-18 July 2025.

f. OUTREACH: The Mobile Medical Unit for June 2025 had 6 veterans scheduled and one walk-in. Director Green has scheduled the unit for both August and October 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 now due to Mr. Morey's spouse's medical situation.

h. INFORMATION/Handouts: Director Green provided the following: What Every Veteran Should know: JUN25, IA Workforce Newsletter Jun 2025, IA Benefits Report APR, County VA Benefits Report APR, VBA Annual Benefits Report FY 2024 Extract

7. New Business:

   a. Communication to/from the Commission:
      i. Discussed Veteran rental assistance—still in early stages; veteran needs to apply to all other applicable areas prior to receiving assistance from County VA.
      ii. Discussed indigent veteran burial—at this time now funds anticipated.

   b. Director Green is still working on draft for Department Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Discussion deferred.

   c. Commissioner Remarks: Director Brandt inquired about why the Commissions were expanding eligibility – political reasons, lack of veterans applying, were just a couple of reasons given.

   d. Director Green is still assisting Hamilton County—depending on the level of assistance needed the county could be assessed funds.

8. Commissioner Bernhard motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Forsythe seconded and the Commission adjourned at 5:30pm.

Carole J Bernhard — 10 July 2025

SIGNED: DATE