

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, November 27, 2023, 9:00 am

Commissioner attendance: Jessica Reith, Cecil Foell, Daryl Johnson, Richard Ochoa and Cindy Davis.
Other representative Paul Beatty Director, CVSO

Absent: None

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jessica Reith at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from meeting on October 30, 2023, second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: phone, Visa, Imprint for t-shirts, VSO training, pre-employment physical. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
4. **What's New in the Office:**

Nov-23		
Current Open Service Connection Claims		75
Out of County		
	Floyd	3
	Franklin	0
	Hancock	4
	Kossuth	1
	Mitchell	3
	Winnebago	2
	Worth	8
	Wright	2
Current Open Pensions		5
Iowa Trust Funds		0
Appeals		1
Month of		
	November	
	Service connection claims	11
	Pensions	0
	Health Care	3
	DIC Claims	0
	Burial Benefits	0
	Congressional	
Work in Progress		
	S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign	0
	Pension waiting on supporting docs	0
	Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter	0

Noticed that the numbers from Worth County continue to be high. Cindy said she would reach out to the supervisors in Worth County to find out why they are unable to take care of Worth County claims.

A big thank you to Cargill for donating the 55 hams and Ron Bartusek (Star Auto Body) for donating 120 hams. All were distributed by end of day on November 22.

Paul Beaty will be requesting to move \$1500 from the lease line in the financials and add funds to the employee medical exam line item. Paul also plans to cancel the cell phone as the office no longer provided a van for transportation in which the cell phone was used to contact the riders.

Home Base Iowa, commissioner requested Paul Beaty to contact KCMR to market the Home Base Iowa Program.

Cindy Davis made a motion to approve \$400 to Mason City Schools to purchase two flags for the new activity center, with the condition that Mason City Schools provides a plaque thanking the Cerro Gordo VA Commissioners for their donations. Motion seconded by Richard Ochoa. A vote was taken, Darrel Johnson opposed the motion, all others voted to approve. Motion passed.

Reminder -Toys for Tots will be handed out by the Marine Corp Leage at the Salvation Army December 13th and 14th, 2023.

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Next meeting** scheduled for December 20, 2023 - 9:00 am

7. **Adjourn** – Daryl Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis