

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, January 29th, 9:00 am

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

Absent: Jessica Reith

1. **Meeting called to order** by Richard Ochoa at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from meeting on December 20, 2023, second by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: Closed Cell phone, paper shredding, apparel for commissioner, mileage to pick up PIV card, and grave markers. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Daryl Johnson. Motion passed.
4. **What's New in the Office:**

Jan-24			
Current Open Service Connection Claims			62
Out of County			
	Floyd	2	
	Franklin		
	Hancock		Butler
	Kossuth		
	Mitchell	3	
	Winnebago		
	Worth	3	
	Wright		
Current Open Pensions			7
Iowa Trust Funds			1
Appeals			9
Month of			
			January
	Service connection claims		4
	Pensions		1
	Health Care		1
	DIC Claims		
	Burial Benefits		1
	Congressional		1
	Appeals		1
Work in Progress			
	S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign		1
	Pension waiting on supporting docs		1
	Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter		
Out of County this month			
	Floyd	1	
	Franklin		
	Hancock		Butler
	Kossuth		
	Mitchell		
	Winnebago		
	Worth	1	
	Wright		

Sean Gillman is now doing claims, so there will always be one of them in the office. Spring School is April 16-18, 2024 at this time Paul is planning on going in the spring and Sean will attend in the fall.

Paul said they are receiving a lot more call than walk in right now.

Coffee and Camaraderie is the 4th or last Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the All-Vets Center.

Daryl asked if there were any schools that invite local vets in for Veterans Day, he wanted to know if there were things that commissioners could get involved in. Paul will make some calls to find out.

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Next meeting** scheduled for February 26, 2024 - 9:00 am

7. **Adjourn** – Cindy Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis