

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, February 26, 2023, 9:00 am

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

Absent: Cindy Davis

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 January 29th, 2023, second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: 1st and 2nd Quarter Postage. Order of Grave Markers, and Bill for office ID holder. Cecil Foell made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
4. **Commissioners Sign Thank you' s:** Donations were made to purchase Soap and toiletries for the office to hand out. American Legion 100.00, Vietnam Vets 200.00, Honor Guard 150.00, Marine Corps League 500.00. Cecil Foell will take the cards to the All Vets meeting 2/26/2024 at 7pm to hand out to the Organizations.
5. **KCMR radio Donation:** The Great American Flag Swap: KCMR is asking for donations for this program that includes a flag and messages. Commissioners agreed to donate 100.00 for flags and just keep or original agreement for Messages that we are currently paying for. Daryl Johnson put forth the motion, Cecil Foell approved Richard Ochoa second. Motion passed.

6. What's New in the Office:

23-Dec	
Current Open Service Connection Claims	59
Out of County	
Floyd	2
Franklin	0
Hancock	0
Kossuth	0
Mitchell	3
Winnebago	0
Worth	3
Wright	0
Butler	1
Current Open Pensions	7
Iowa Trust Funds	4
Appeals	8
Month of	February

Service connection Claims	3
Health Care	11
DIC Claims	1
Burial Benefits	0
Congressional	0
Iowa Trust Fund	3
Pensions	0
Work in Progress	
S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign	0
Pension waiting on supporting Docs	0
Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter	0

The Check for 400 to Mason city Schools Dist. Was handed to Cecil Foell. Cecil is getting Dates for presentation of the Donation. Presentation will be held at the Field house. Date and time to TBD.

Home Base Iowa, we have a new Veteran Family that has moved to Cerro Gordo County and is working in Garner. They stopped in to have their Healthcare benefits transferred to our area. We told him about Home Base Iowa and handed him a tote. He will be the first Cerro Gordo County recipient of the Iowa trust fund in the amount of 1,000 to reimburse moving expenses.

The Commissioners Viewed the plans for new Cerro Gordo County Website. Director Paul Beatty used Jasper County Veteran Affairs website to show the new features and layout that Cerro Gordo Veteran Affairs will be using. We will be posting the Monthly Agenda and meeting minutes. The public will have access to them as well. We will also be able to keep them archived on the site too.

7. **Public Comments** – None

8. **Next meeting** scheduled for March 25, 2024 - 9:00 am

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

Minutes submitted by Paul Beatty