

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, May 20, 2024 9:00 am

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

Absent: Jessica Reith, Cecil Foell

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 minutes from April 29th, 2024, second by Daryl Johnson. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** There were no bills to be signed. Daryl Johnson made a motion to send \$500 out of the Service grant to the Stand Down, Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **Commissioner Position Term Expires:** Daryl Johnsons application for renew has been sent to the Supervisors, Richard Ochoa has been approved.
5. **What's new in the Office:** Many of the service connection claims being worked are for hearing loss.

May-24				May-24			
Open Service Connection Claims		43		New this Month Service Connection Claims		7	
Out of County				Out of County			
	Floyd	2	Butler		Floyd		Butler
	Franklin				Franklin		
	Hancock				Hancock		
	Kossuth				Kossuth		
	Mitchell	3			Mitchell		
	Winnebago				Winnebago		
	Worth	2			Worth		
	Wright				Wright		
Current Open Pensions		3		Current Open Pensions			
Iowa Trust Funds		3		Iowa Trust Funds			
Appeals		6		Appeals			
Congressional		1		Congressional			
Service Connected claims				Service Connected claims		7	
Health Care				Health Care			
DIC Claims		2		DIC Claims			
Burial Benefits				Burial Benefits			
Work in Progress				Work in Progress			
	S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign				S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign		
	Pension waiting on supporting docs				Pension waiting on supporting docs		
	Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter				Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter		

6. Public Comments –

North Iowa Community Action Organization has opened a food pantry at it 100 1st Street NW location in the outreach offices. The pantry is open Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm.

The VA office still has dog food available.

6. Next Meeting Date

Scheduled for June 24th, 2024 at 9:00 am

7. Adjourn – Cindy Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Daryl Johnson. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis