

## Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, August 26, 2024 9:00 am

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

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jessica Reith at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Richard Ochoa made a motion to approve the minutes from July 29th, 2024, second by Cindy Davis. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included supplies and annual KCMR Radio. The board asked why there are no funds budgeted for vacation, sick and holiday pay. Paul Beatty said he has mentioned it to the office that puts the budget together so we can have a true reflective budget. Paul also informed the board that vacation and sick leave will be moved into Person Time Off (PTO) soon. Cecil Foell made a motion to approve the bills, Richard Ochoa seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office:** Paul Beatty informed the board the requirements for the \$10,000 grant encompasses all vets and not just one vet.

There was discussion about the Honor Flight for Cerro Gordo County and who raises the money. There is currently a negative balance of \$1080. Paul Beatty said he would reach out to Mary Lue Walker to see what he can find out.

Stand Down will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> out at the fairgrounds.

Aug-24				Aug-24			
Open Service Connection Claims		49		New this Month Service Connection Claims		14	
Out of County				Out of County			
	Floyd	2	Butler		Floyd		Butler
	Franklin				Franklin		
	Hancock	1			Hancock		
	Kossuth				Kossuth		
	Mitchell	3			Mitchell		
	Winnebago				Winnebago		
	Worth	2			Worth	1	
	Wright				Wright		
Current Open Pensions		2		Current Open Pensions			
Iowa Trust Funds				Iowa Trust Funds		1	
Appeals		2		Appeals		3	
Congressional				Congressional			
Service Connected claims				Service Connected claims			
Health Care				Health Care		4	
DIC Claims				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		

5. **Public Comments** – None

6. **Next Meeting Date** -Scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 am

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

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis