

Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, August 25, 2025

Chair Jessica Reith gaveled the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with all commissioners and Director Beatty present.

The Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Davis moved approval of the minutes with Commissioner Ochoa seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The commission approved the payment of various bills including expenses for training and shredding of documents. The monthly financials were also reviewed. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner Davis and the second by Commissioner Foell. The motion carried by voice vote.

Director Beatty informed the commission of an issue with an Outreach member who has been giving inaccurate benefit information to veterans. When benefits are not available as originally stated this affects the public perception of the VA. Various strategies were discussed. Director Beatty also discussed the need for improved tracking of approved training for VSO's. The Director noted that there had been one Home Base Iowa application approved.

Chair Reith expressed concerns about the number of claims that continue to be received from Worth county veterans. It was agreed that our office should not discontinue offering our services, but that the subject should again be approached with Worth county officials.

Commissioner Davis reported that she had attended a Clear Lake VFW meeting. She discussed the Home Base Iowa Program, handed out Director Beatty's business cards and joined the VFW for a year. Chair Reith indicated she had handed out two Iowa Trust Fund applications. Commissioner Johnson noted that

the Vietnam Veterans will be selling caps at Walmart on Thursday and Friday of this week and that American Legion Post 101 will be selling poppies at Walmart on Sunday. Commissioner Foell reported that there will be a competitive Steak Fry this weekend at the All Vets Center. In addition, Sheep Dogs for Veterans will provide a steak meal for invited veterans, police officials and first responders during September.

There were no members of the public present.

The September meeting of the commission will be September 29th at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Davis moved adjournment. Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Johnson, Secretary

Attach: Claim Report