

Cerro Gordo County
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2026

Vice Chair Cindy Davis gaveled the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Chair Jessica Reith was absent. All other commission members were present.

The Minutes from the March 30, 2026 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that there were 125 seedling trees ordered, not 150 as stated in the minutes.

Commissioner Ochoa moved approval of the Minutes with Commissioner Foell seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The commission reviewed the April Financials. It was noted that the Adobe contract was renewed in the amount of \$218.31. With the commission meeting earlier in the month than normal, there were no invoices available for approval. Commissioner Johnson moved approval of the financials with Commissioner Ochoa seconding the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Director Beatty reminded members that he would have a booth at the SALT Forum which will be held on April 28th at Grace Evangelical Church. He and VSO Sean Gillam will be attending their annual, national training on line on June 1st through June 5th. It was noted that the 2027 training will be significantly more expensive and that the state needs to provide the training so that the cost can be reduced. The director noted that there had been no further movement in the Iowa legislature regarding the administration of veterans' claims. The director reported that there had been a request from Winnebago County to have a veteran speak at a Memorial Day Service. It was the consensus of the commission that Winnebago County would have a number of residents who could fill that roll.

Vice Chair Davis reported that Clear Lake will be hosting a 250- year celebration of the Founding of America. It will be held on July 18th and is an all day event. Budweiser allocated a \$500 donation to the Clear Lake VFW to go to a worthy local nonprofit. Stand Down was selected to receive the donation.

Commissioner Johnson reported that the Mason City Christian School is hosting a Veterans Breakfast at 8:30 AM on May 13th. All veterans are invited.

There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

With the normal May meeting date being Memorial Day, it was decided to schedule the May meeting for 9:00 AM on May 18th.

Commissioner Foell moved adjournment and Commissioner Ochoa seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 AM.

Following adjournment, the commissioners handed out tree seedlings to county veterans in recognition of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Johnson, Secretary