

**Cerro Gordo County**  
**Veterans Affairs Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2026**

Chair Jessica Reith gaveled the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. All members were present except for Commissioner Ochoa.

The Minutes from the June 29, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Davis moved approval of the minutes with Commissioner Foell seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The members reviewed the financials and signed a number of operational invoices. The director noted that the Expenditure Report is based on the new 26/27 budget. Commissioner Davis moved approval of the Financial Report and Commissioner Foell seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The chair led a discussion on the Iowa Trust Fund requirements. Several scenarios were discussed. The chair did report that the Trust Fund will provide \$5,000.00 to Stand Down for boots etc.

Director Beatty reported that it had been a very busy month processing claims. A total of 24 new claims had been filed with a couple more expected the first of this week. There are currently 43 active claims. This includes 8 appeals and 1 Trust Fund Claim. There were 2 Out of County claims filed this month. Commissioner Johnson noted that he had received positive feedback from an acquaintance who had recently had his claim upgraded through our office.

The commissioners discussed how to move forward regarding the election of officers. It was voted and approved that Officer Elections would be held bi-annually in July on the uneven year. Current officers will serve one more year.

Commissioner Foell reported that he had been approached about replacing the flag pole at the schoolhouse on the Fairgrounds. Director Beatty suggested that a donation jar could be placed at the commission window.

Commissioner Johnson reported that this is Fair Week. Veterans are invited to raise the flags up the main entrance to the fairgrounds at 9:00 AM on Wednesday. Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the All Seasons Building. The Mason City Honor Guard will Post the Colors and Stand Down will be presented the "Organization of the Year" award at the event. The Vietnam Veterans will host a Flapjack Breakfast on Sunday morning at the Loafing Shed.

There were no members of the public present. The next meeting will be August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Johnson, Secretary