

## Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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8 March 2017

### Minutes

At 3:00 PM, Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. The commissioners in attendance were Marta Ford, Susan Springer and Jerry Nelson. Jerome Gunderson called in on speaker phone. Commissioner John Billingsley was absent. Others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson, Keith Thorpe and Jason Jagler of the Newton Daily News.

The minutes of the 8 February 2017 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Marta Ford asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jerry Nelson moved to accept the minutes, Susan Spring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### IVH Tour Bus (March 15, 2017):

Kurt Jackson reported that we have 30 people signed up for the tour and that we have 8 seats remaining to fill.

#### Grant Fund:

- a. Kurt Jackson reported that the Baxter Honor Guard received their \$750.00 which was approved by the commission at the 8 February 2017 meeting.
- b. Jerry Nelson made a motion that the commission grant \$500.00 to the Honor Flight Account of the American Legion Post 111, Newton, Iowa for the PTSD/Suicide Seminar presented by Jerry Yellin and Luke Jensen April 27, 28 and 29, 2017. Jerry Gunderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Susan Springer made a motion that the commission reimburse the American Legion Post 111, Newton, Iowa for the meal they are preparing for the Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans Organization which is meeting 24 March 2017 at Post 111. Jerry Gunderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VACIHCS VSO Outreach February 10, 2017:

Kurt Jackson attended this event and reported that the program was very informative and that he also established many new contacts.

Director Position:

Kurt Jackson thanked the commission for their confidence in him by selecting him for the Directors position.

**New Business:**

February Budget:

The February 2017 was presented to the commission.

Job/Career Fair:

Kurt Jackson will be attending the 2017 FREE Job/Career Fair 29 March 2017.

Grant Fund Uses:

The commission discussed future uses of grant funds. Thunder Nights was discussed. Kurt Jackson will contact Bob O'Brien of Thunder Nights for more information. Also, the commission discussed having an event at the Isaac Walton League for all veterans in Jasper County. The commission discussed various ideas which would draw veterans to this out-reach event. Susan Springer suggested that we may get some ideas from the upcoming PTSD/Suicide Seminar.

Newton Daily News Advertising:

Jerry Nelson made a motion that we grant \$500.00 for Kurt Jackson to advertise in the various county newspapers at his discretion. Jerry Gunderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Advertising "Maxim" :

Jerry Nelson made a motion that we purchase 1000 pens from "Maxim" Advertising for \$820.00. Susan Spring seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Spring Training:

Kurt Jackson and Keith Thorpe will attend training April 11, 12 & 13. 2017.

For the good of the commission:

Jerry Nelson distributed informative flyers to the commission. "Boots to Business Reboot" and the other from Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs.

Confirm 3:00 Meeting for April 5, 2017