

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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Minutes

At 1500 Commission Chairperson Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. Commissioners Jerry Nelson, Fred Dimon and newly appointed commissioner Michael Naber were present. Commissioner Susan Springer was absent. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson, Assistant Keith Thorpe, David Dolmage of the "Newton Daily News" and Steve Zimmerman.

The minutes of the 14 March 2018 regular meeting and minutes of the 19 March 2018 special meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Fred Dimon made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Michael Naber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

The Wall that Heals (31 May – 3 June 2018): Vietnam War "A Time to Honor" books will be available for veterans and family members of veterans. No documentation will be required. The vast majority of the remaining 400 books will be transported to the site of "The Wall" for distribution by Jerry Nelson the last week of May.

National Training June 2nd – 8th NACVSO, Reno: Kurt Jackson reported that everything is ready to go.

VSO Spring School April 17 – 19 2018 (ConEd): Kurt and Keith will be attending Spring School 2018. Kurt Jackson will put a notice in the Newton Daily News our office will be closed April 17 thru the 20th.

Commissioner Selection (BOS): Kurt Jackson reported that the board of supervisors appreciated the commission's work of recommending applicants for the board to approve. Kurt Jackson will advise the board that commissioners Ford, Nelson and Springer whose terms expire June 30, 2018 would like to be considered for another term. To be compliant with Iowa Code 35B.4, the five person board terms are to be staggered.

March 29th National Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day: All the commissioners agreed that it was a touching ceremony held at the courthouse and that it should be turned into an annual event.

New Business:

March Budget: The March Budget was presented to the commissioners.

BOS 3rd Quarter Report: Fred Dimon made a motion to approve the Veterans Affairs 3rd Quarter Report. Jerry Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kurt Jackson will submit this report to the Board of Supervisors at the next scheduled board meeting.

Directors March Activity Report: Kurt Jackson's report was presented to the commissioners.

Marta Ford announced that the next meeting will be 9 May 2018 at 3PM in the Annex Building.

At 1550, Fred Dimon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Michael Naber. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith N. Thorpe