

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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Minutes

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

The minutes of the 13 June 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Fred Dimon made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Naber seconded. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

A list of the \$9,575.00 expenditures of the Iowa State Allocation Funds for Fiscal Year 2017 thru 2018 were distributed to the commission.

New Business:

The June 2018 Budget Report: The June 2018 Budget was presented to the commissioners.

BOS 4th Quarter Report: Jerry Nelson made a motion to approve the Veterans Affairs 4th Quarter Report. Mike Naber seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kurt Jackson will submit this report to the Board of Supervisors at the next scheduled board meeting.

Home Base Iowa: Kurt Jackson shared with the commission his efforts in initiating a "Welcome Wagon" for veterans moving into the county. Working with Craig Armstrong, they now have swimming pool passes to the Maytag Pool and passes to the Westwood Golf Course. Also, Kurt mentioned that he has some volunteers and looking for more to help with this endeavor. Mike Naber presented to the commission a rough draft of his thoughts in implementing this project.

Director's Activity Report: Kurt Jackson presented his June 2018 report to the commissioners.

Iowa State Allocation Funds FY 2018 – 2019: Kurt reported that we will have \$10,000.00 allocated.

VA Expenditures (GDX) FY 17 Report: Kurt reported we had an increase of \$766,000.00 paid to the Jasper County Veterans. Dave Dolmage, "Newton Daily News" asked the commission for their thoughts about this report.

The meeting ended with Kurt Jackson sharing what he learned at the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs meeting held at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge 11 July 2018. (i.e. DSM Regional VA handles claims in an average of 65 days, national average 96 days; vocational rehabilitation has 800 veterans enrolled; DSM Regional VA has completed 2,330 appeals and on track to meet a goal of 3,000 this fiscal year)

Susan Springer announced that the next meeting will be on Thursday 9 August 2018 at 3PM in the Annex Building.

At 1540 Mike Naber made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith N. Thorpe