

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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Minutes

Newton Union Cemetery Veterans Section:

Prior to the beginning of the commission meeting, representatives of the City of Newton, Newton Funeral Directors, Veterans and concerned citizens met to discuss the current condition of the Veterans Section of the Cemetery and its future. Sixteen in all attended the forum. See the attached list for the names of the attendees.

Topics discussed: rules and regulations; maintenance and upkeep; Federal VA Cemetery Guidelines; private cemetery costs; burials in parade ground; waterway tile work; multiple burials in one grave; cremations; columbarium; upright headstones; broken headstones and grave marker replacement; short term goals for the cemetery and long term goals; current veterans section will be filled within eight years; new veterans section will have veterans input; a group of citizens will buy and plant trees when the new veterans section is laid out; cemetery grave records are now on line; next forum within a month; have annual forums...

At 1558 Commissioner Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson were in attendance. Jerome Gunderson and Fred Dimon were absent. Others in attendance were Veteran Affairs Director Kurt Jackson, Keith Thorpe and David Dolmage of the "Newton Daily News".

The minutes of the 12 July 2017 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Marta Ford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Vietnam Commemorative Book: 99 to date have been distributed...

New Business:

Donations: Iowa Interstate Railroad \$275.00; Keith & Helen Thorpe \$1500.00

Grant Fund: \$9,575.00 received 11 July 2017

July Budget: The July Budget was presented to the commission.

Directors Activity Report: Kurt Jackson's report is attached...

Fall Training October 17: Rooms have been reserved...

Warrior Community Integration Symposium September 6-8, 2017: Motion by Jerry Nelson and seconded by Susan Springer to allow Kurt Jackson to attend. Motion passed.

Office closed August 23 for Pension Training at Federal Building...

Office closed until 1:30 PM August 24th VA CIHCS Mental Health Initiative...

At 1630 Jerry Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Susan Springer seconded. Motion Passed.
Meeting Adjourned.

Confirm 3:00 PM Meeting for September 13, 2017