

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs
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11 September 2019

Minutes

At 1500 Commissioner Fred Dimon called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs to order. Commissioners Jerry Nelson, Susan Springer, Marta Ford and Mike Naber were present. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson, Keith Thorpe and Dustin Teays from the "Newton Daily News."

1. The Minutes of the 14 August 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Marta Ford made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Naber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Veterans Stand Down Des Moines September 2019: In an effort to transport Jasper County Veterans to the Stand Down in Des Moines, two weeks of advertising the event and 2500 fliers describing the event were disseminated throughout the county. There was NO response!
2. Veterans Outreach November 2019 (RECON): Kurt reported that the (RECON) event will take place November 6, 2019 at the Newton VFW from 6 – 8 PM. Food and refreshments will be provided. Signup sheets for attendance will be distributed to all county veteran organization. The signup sheets must be turned into the commission office no later than October 18, 2019. Kurt has contacted the following speakers for this event: (Iowa Veterans Home Commandant, Timon Oujiri; Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, Heather Dillwood; DMACC Veterans Service Coordinator; Don Enright; Iowa Work Force, Edgar Ortiz and also a speaker from the VA Hospital Des Moines) In addition, Jim Klier from the Newton VFW, Wesley Justus from the Newton American Legion and Randy Marchant representing the AMVETS will speak.

New Business:

1. August 2019 Budget Report was presented to the Commission.

During the discussion of the August expenses, it was once again noted that one of the Jasper County Ride drivers had passed away. This driver had the only handicap accessible vehicle. Kurt told the commission that the VA will provide transportation for veterans with special needs. However, it is the veteran's responsibility to make arrangements with their primary care provider.

2. August 2019 Director's Report was presented to the Commission.

Public Input (None)

Fred Dimon announced that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1520 Mike Naber made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Marta Ford. The motion passed unanimously.

Keith N. Thorpe