

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioners: Marta Ford, Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson, Mike Naber, Matthew Smith

14 October 2020

Minutes

At 1500 Chairwoman Susan Springer called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order. Those in attendance were Commissioners Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson and Mike Naber. Matthew Smith did not attend. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson and VSO Keith Thorpe.

Approve Minutes: 9 September 2020 Regular Meeting: Marta Ford made a motion and Mike Naber seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Veterans Resources Outreach: (Future Event):** “Spring 2021” Kurt has requested for possible dates in April or May 2021 from DMACC. DMACC has yet to respond.

New Business:

1. **September 2020 Director’s Activity Report** was presented to the Commission.
2. **September 2020 Budget Report** was presented to the Commission.
3. **1st Quarter FY 2020-2021 Budget to Board of Supervisors:** Marta Ford made a motion and Mike Naber seconded that the 1st Quarter Report be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Kurt Jackson will present this report to the Board of Supervisors.
4. **Allocation Fund (FY 2020 – 2021):** The Commission discussed various ideas of outreach for the coming year (i.e. outreach with “Zoom”; digital popup ads on Facebook; convey to WWII, Korea and Vietnam Veterans information about the new “ VA Family Caregiver Assistant Program”; Bombshell Patriots; outreach at Newton Legion Post 111 on Veterans Day with a catered meal and information packets) Once again it was a consensus of the Commission that because of the “pandemic”, it will be difficult to take total advantage of our Allocation Fund FY 2020-2021 money.
5. **Establish November 2020 Meeting Time:** Per the Commission, our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 1500 in the Board Room of the Jasper County Supervisors.

6. “Employee Evaluation” per Iowa Code 2018, Section 21.5 (i):

At 1540 Susan Springer read the Iowa Code to go into a closed session. Marta Ford made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded to go into a closed session. Motion passed unanimously. Kurt and Keith departed the meeting.

At 1555 Marta Ford made a motion and Mike Naber seconded to return to an open meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Kurt and Keith returned to the meeting.

Mike Naber made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded that Director Kurt Jackson's new rating period will be the calendar year of 1 January 2020 thru 31 December 2020 and that the Directors Evaluation will be held in January 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Jerry Nelson informed the Commission that the "Department of the Iowa American Legion" donated \$2,500.00 to Jasper County Rides in Memory of Richard Bullock.

Public Input: (None)

Confirm next meeting for Wednesday, November 10, 2020 at 1500 in the Board Room of the Jasper County Supervisors.

At 1610 Mike Naber made a motion and Marta Ford seconded to adjourn. The motion passed.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe