

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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

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Minutes

At 1507 Chairwoman Susan Springer called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order per Iowa Code 21.8 Electronic Meetings via “Zoom”. Those in attendance were Commissioners Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Mike Naber and Matthew Smith. Also present were Director Kurt Jackson and VSO Keith Thorpe.

Approve Minutes: 10 November 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” DMACC has yet to provide possible dates for our event.
2. **Veterans Resources Outreach: 23 November 2020 “Flu Clinic”:** A total of six veterans received vaccinations. This event is being planned again for early Fall 2021.

New Business:

1. **November 2020 Director’s Activity Report** was presented to the Commission.
2. **November 2020 Budget Report** was presented to the Commission.
3. **Allocation Fund (FY 2020 – 2021)** was presented to the Commission.
4. **Veterans Outreach Tasks :** Jerry Nelson proposed the following tasks as guidelines for the Director and VSO: (i.e. In-person outreach to county Nursing homes w/ staff & vets on a rotational basis; 1-2 annual veterans outreach events; In-person Veterans coffee in each county community; 5 or more weekly follow-up visits with vets for further needs, etc.; establish communication w/ ING (Army & Air) Army, Naval, Marine & Coast Guard Reserves for outreach to introduce benefits to deployed service members and retirees; outreach booth at Jasper County Fair)

Matthew Smith made a motion and Jerry Nelson seconded that Director provide the Commission with both the Iowa Code and the Jasper County Human Resources job descriptions of the Veterans Affairs Staff. This information is to be reviewed by the commission and discussed at the January 2021 Commission Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements: (None)

Public Input: (None)

Confirm next meeting for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 will be at 1500 in the Basement of the Jasper County Court House.

At 1538 Mike Naber made a motion and Marta Ford seconded to adjourn. Motion Passed.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe