

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioners: Marta Ford, Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson, Matthew Smith, Christofer Kingrey

10 August 2022

Minutes

At 1500 Chairmen Jerry Nelson called the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs to order. The other commissioners in attendance were Marta Ford, Susan Springer and Christofer Kingrey. Matthew Smith was absent. Also, in attendance were Administrator Alyssa Wilson and CVSO Keith Thorpe.

Approve Minutes 13 July 2022 Regular Meeting: Jerry Nelson made a motion and Susan Springer seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **“No Greater Love” Outreach Event:** “No Greater Love” is a movie to be shown at the Newton Capitol Theater on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 2:00 PM. This movie is a documentary which invites the audience to experience war and its aftermath from a soldier’s perspective. Jerry Nelson has invited Retired Brigadier General Craig A. Bargfrede from the Minnesota Army National Guard.
In 2010 thru 2011 then Colonel Bargfrede commanded the 734th Agricultural Development Team to deploy to the Knar Province, Afghanistan to assist in developing Agi-business to this rural region. The 734th ADT was attached to the 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division to support the RC-East Districts Operations. Administrator Wilson has designed a flyer and will add the input suggested from the commission. Once the flyer is approved, social media, radio and county newspapers will be contacted.
2. **Sully Area Outreach:** Date, time, and location to be determined later in the Fall or early Winter 2022.
3. **New Trifolds:** Administrator Wilson will have new trifolds updated for the September meeting.
4. **EFSP GRANT:** Administrator Wilson is working with Jess from United Way. Grant money should be available in November to use towards rent/mortgage and utilities. This is a federal grant and will have its own line item like the Allocation Fund.

New Business:

1. **July 2022 Administrator’s Activity Report** was presented to the commission.
2. **July 2022 Budget Report: (Expense; Allocation; Donation)** was presented to the commission.
 - (a) Marta Ford made a motion and Christofer Kingrey seconded to distribute \$50.00 fuel cards to the drivers who provide transportation for veterans to medical appointments coordinated by “Jasper County Rides” Iowa State University (Extension and Outreach). Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Veterans Lodging / Cooling & Warming Centers:** The commission had an interesting discussion.

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Since there were more questions than answers, this discussion will continue.

Announcements:

Jerry Nelson shared with the commission information he learned from a meeting organized by the City of Newton to inform veterans what the City of Newton has planned for the new veterans section at Newton Union Cemetery. First, veterans section two has approximately 18 spaces to be filled and then it will be full. Second, veterans section three is located just north of section two. A road is planned to be paved in section three this Fall with a flagpole installed in the center. A ditch which now runs on the south side of section three will be engineered for public safety.

Public Input

None

Confirm next meeting: 14 September 2022, 1500, at the Jasper County Office Building

At 1555 Marta Ford made a motion and Susan Springer seconded to adjourn.
The motion passed unanimously.

/s/ Keith N. Thorpe