

Cerro Gordo County Veteran Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, March 25, 2024 9:00 am

Commissioner attendance: Jessica Reith, Cecil Foell, Richard Ochoa, Cindy Davis and Daryl Johnson. Other representative Paul Beatty Director, CVSO

1. **Meeting called to order** by Jessica Reith at 8:57 a.m.
2. **Approval of previous months minutes:** Daryl Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 26th, 2024, second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
3. **Signing of bills:** Bills that were signed included: Home Base Iowa. Cindy Davis made a motion to approve the bills/financials; second by Richard Ochoa. Motion passed.
4. **What's new in the Office**

Earth Day: Three Maple trees will be donated to Dougherty this year for Earth Day. The trees are seven-gal trees, total cost of \$267 and will be donated the week of April 22-26.

Website Update: Paul asked commissioners to have their bios submitted to him by April 10th so he can update the website.

Mar-24				Mar-24					
Current Open Service Connection Claims		39		New this Month Service Connection Claims		8			
Out of County				Out of County					
	Floyd	2	Butler	1		Floyd		Butler	
	Franklin					Franklin			
	Hancock					Hancock			
	Kossuth					Kossuth			
	Mitchell	4				Mitchell	1		
	Winnebago					Winnebago			
	Worth	2				Worth			
	Wright					Wright			
Current Open Pensions				9		Current Open Pensions			
Iowa Trust Funds				5		Iowa Trust Funds			
Appeals				10		Appeals			
Month of		March		Month of		March			
	Service connection claims				Service connection claims				
	Pensions				Pensions				3
	Health Care				Health Care				2
	DIC Claims		2		DIC Claims				2
	Burial Benefits				Burial Benefits				
	Congressional		1		Congressional				
Work in Progress				Work in Progress		Work in Progress			
	S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign				S/C waiting on 21-526EZ sign				
	Pension waiting on supporting docs				Pension waiting on supporting docs				
	Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter				Appeal, waiting on Nexus letter				

7. **Public Comments** – The Stand Down will host a fundraiser with Dad’s Belgium Waffles on May 5th, 2024.

8. **Next meeting** scheduled for April 29, 2024 - 9:00 am

9. **Adjourn** – Richard Ochoa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cecil Foell. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Cindy Davis