

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs
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13 November 2019

Minutes

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

1. The Minutes of the 9 October 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, Marta Ford made a motion to approve the minutes. Susan Springer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. TPI'S Fund Raiser for Veterans Affairs: Prior to the meeting, Mike Miranda, Andy Elliott and Katelyn Kolstrad representing TPI presented the Commission with a check for the amount of \$600.00 Susan Springer and Kurt Jackson accepted the check on behalf of the Jasper County Veteran Affairs Commission.
2. Jasper County Korean War/Era Outreach Dinner 10/28/2019: Approximately 70 attended this event. Commandant Timon Oujiri from the Iowa Veterans Home was the keynote speaker. Hy-Vee catered the meal for \$910.00.
3. Veterans Outreach November 2019 (RECON): Jerry Nelson thought that for the first-time trying a (RECON) event that it went well. The various presenters were on point. Jerry was disappointed that we did not have many young veterans in attendance to hear about VA Education Benefits. The Commission would like to have another (RECON) event sometime in the Spring of 2020. Some concerns about location, parking and a sound system were raised. At the December 2019 Commission Meeting the Commission will review the (RECON) Surveys received. The VFW provided the meal for \$564.61. Dominoes donated \$68.39 worth of pizzas.

New Business:

1. October 2019 Budget Report was presented to the Commission.
2. October 2019 Directors Activity Report was presented to the Commission.
3. Donation Fund Expense Account 0227-21-3210-000-4999

Susan Springer made a motion and Marta Ford seconded the motion to reimburse Harvey Olsthoorne \$2,917.38 from the Donation Account for purchasing a Modular Ramp for a handicapped veteran. Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Springer made a motion and Marta Ford seconded the motion to reimburse The American Legion \$119.62 from the Donation Account for building materials needed to install a Modular Ramp for a handicapped veteran. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Iowa Open Meetings: Susan Springer attended the recent IACCVSO 2019 Fall School held in Des Moines. While there, Susan was updated on Iowa Open Meetings. She shared the following information with the Commission: "It is imperative that we conduct our commission meetings strictly per Iowa Code. Failure to do so, could cause legal ramifications for the Commission". Ten Iowa Open Meetings, Open Records Handbooks have been ordered for the commission.

Public Input (None)

Jerry Nelson announced that the next meeting will be on Wed. Dec 11, 2019 at 1500 in the Annex Building.

At 1520 Susan Springer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Marta Ford. The motion passed..

Keith N. Thorpe