

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs

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Commissioners: Robert Suesakul , Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg

10 September 2025

### **Minutes**

On 10 September 2025, at 1500 hours, Commission Chairperson Jerry Nelson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commission to order. The commissioners in attendance were: Robert Suesakul, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg. Also in attendance: JCVA Director Ray Maxey, Shared Benefits Coordinator and County Veterans Service Officer Josh Price, 1 guests was present by the name of Loid.

### **Approve Minutes:**

Marta Ford made a motion and Kat Thompson seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on 9 July 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. June, 2025 Activity Report:**

Commissioners reviewed the report. Staff noted that 92 veterans signed in on the PII sheet during their visits to our offices. PII sheet is on file in office due to sensitive nature.

## **2. June, 2025 Expenses and Allocation Report:**

Commissioners reviewed the report.

## **3. POA Legion & IDVA**

Commissioners were informed access for Joshua Price has been added to VA.

## **5. Commission Training**

Information on Training was presented to the commission, training will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Event Center from October 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Marta Ford & Jerry Nelson will be staying at the hotel all Commission members will be at the training.

## **5. CVSO Training**

Information on Training was presented to the commission, training will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Event Center from October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Joshua Price will be staying at the hotel. Both Ray & Josh will be at the training. Ed Spangenburg made a motion and Robert Suesakul seconded to approve the Training and staying at the hotel.

## **6. Cabin Drawing**

Joshua Price placed 5 Veteran ID numbers into a cup the were drawn by Marta Ford, Veteran ID number 3384 was drawn they will be notified.

## **7. Outreach Discussion**

The Board has decided to move forward with hosting a coffee meet-and-greet. The office has suggested a coffee shop located on the square in downtown Newton as the venue. A 30-day notice will be provided, with mailers sent out to veterans. The office will generate and distribute the mailers to veterans on file, requesting an RSVP.

Public Input: None

Kat Thompson made a motion and Ed Spangenburg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1600 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirm next meeting: Wednesday, 10 October 2025, 1500 hrs., Jasper County Office Building.

/s/ Joshua M. Price, Secretary