



**Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs**  
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### **Minutes**

#### **Story County Commission of Veterans Affairs**

Monday February 13, 2023

Conference call number: 918-221-0224

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Story County Veterans Affairs @ 1600  
126 South Kellogg Suite 001 conference room Ames

#### **Roll Call:**

***In-Person:*** Director - Brett McLain, Chair - Nic Briseño, Vice Chair - Luke Vance, Secretary- Beth Hartmann, Monty Woodward, and Erin Rewerts

***By phone:*** None

***Absent:*** Amy Rosenberg

Open meeting @ 1609

Pledge to the Flag, moment of silence

#### **Guest:**

Kristy Macki, Payroll and Accounts Coordinator

Story County Auditor's Office – Training on Semi-Annual Commissioners Claims (Dec, June).

Two claims required each six months. One for meetings (direct deposit); one for mileage (check). \$0.50/mile. Claims may be submitted on Excel sheet but must be signed. Beth will send Excel sheet with this meeting's minutes. Mileage for any work as a commissioner allowed.

January -June: Deadline is 13 June. July-December: Deadline is 12 December.

Email claims to Kristy ([kmacki@storycountyiowa.gov](mailto:kmacki@storycountyiowa.gov)) and Brett by the deadline.

- Meeting Minutes, February 2022: Luke makes motion to approve. Monty seconds. Motion carries.
- Meeting Minutes, November 28, 2022: Luke makes motion to approve. Monty seconds. Motion carries.
- Meeting Minutes January 2023: Luke makes motion to approve. Monty seconds. Motion carries.

- Certification and approval of claims – One funeral claim for approval. Commissioners signed.
- Monthly Office Report – Brett. Monthly Commission Report presented. 57% of budget has been expended.

### **New Business**

- Legislation 2023 (Vets Day 1.18.23) – Legislative priorities presented to the Commission.
- Iowa Veterans Home updates – Flier shows Veteran populations and number of Veterans Homes in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, and Illinois. Brett offered to provide a tour of the Iowa Veterans Home if Commissioners are interested.
- RSVP Board, Newsletter – Nic also serves on Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) advisory committee. RSVP requested that we cross-reference needs for volunteers in each other's newsletters, as well as share volunteer drivers. Nic will bring some draft newsletter
- VA Van Drivers – Brett, Monty, Beth worked to find volunteers. Brett and Erin have sent in their applications. Hard copy applications were provided to the Commissioners. Brett will send electronic application materials to Commissioners via email.

### **Old Business:**

- November 2022 VA Leased Van \$3,500 per year. (meeting 1.23.23). We will receive a van as soon as we get attorney's office review, Board approval, and onboarding is completed. Once we have drivers, we can start transporting Veterans in July.
- November 2022 Coffee with the Commissioners - date, Time, location – Amy sent email today with updates about possible locations.

Luke makes motion to adjourn. Monty seconds. Motion carries. Motion adjourned at 16:51.

**Next meeting Monday March 13, 2023, at 4 pm.  
Motion to Adjourn.**