



COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Bill Blanchard, Chairperson
Larry Hingtgen, Secretary

JoAnne Downes
Chad Gerdes
Ines Beltre

Formal Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 17:00 by Blanchard

Present: Larry Hingtgen, Bill Blanchard, Chad Gerdes, JoAnne Downes, Ines Beltre via teleconference, and Mandy Coates, CVSO

Unless noted, all actions were taken unanimously.

1. Motion by Gerdes, second by Hingtgen to approve the August minutes
2. Motion by Downes, second by Beltre to approve the August vouchers
3. Next month's meeting time was discussed with options of October 8th and October 22nd. October 22nd was tentatively scheduled due to Fall School being at the same time as usual meeting
4. Coates, County Veteran Service Officer was appointed Interim Veterans Affairs Director with a backdate of 8/26/2024. Motion by Gerdes, second by Hingtgen
5. State of Iowa Allocation Grant and approved and disapproved usages were discussed. Possible 3k additional grant from the State was discussed for training. Reclass of approved allocation OT may need to take place in the future as new Director position is posted as exempt.
6. Fall School put on by the IDVA will be held the week of October 14th. Commissioners, Board of Supervisors, and staff are invited
7. Food Voucher policy and procedure discussed
8. Director vacancy was discussed. Coates was excused.
9. Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 18:26

Recorded by Mandy Coates

These minutes will be presented to the Secretary for approval during our October 2024 meeting.

10/22/2024
Date:

Signature on File
Secretary or alternate