

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs  
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Commissioners: Fred Chabot, Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg

12 March 2025

**Minutes**

On 12 March 2025, at 1510 hours, Commission Chairperson Jerry Nelson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commission to order. The commissioners in attendance were: Fred Chabot, Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg by telephone. Ed Spangenburg physically entered the meeting room at 1535 hours. Also in attendance: Veterans Affairs Director Ray Maxey, Human Resources Director Dennis Simon, Newton News reporter Chris Braunschweig, and guests Maggie Maxey and Lloyd .

**Approve Minutes:**

Fred Chabot made a motion and Kat Thompson seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on 12 February 2025. The motion passed unanimously. Fred Chabot made a motion and Kat Thompson seconded to approve the minutes of the special commission meeting held on 5 March 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. Shadowing Other Veterans Affairs Offices:**

This agenda item will be carried over to the 9 April 2025 JCVA Commission meeting.

**2. Office Furniture Quote:**

There is no further need for this action. Jerry Nelson reported that the office chairs were repaired in house.

**3. Financial Assistance Adjustment:**

This action item will be included in the future discussion of updates to the JCVA Commission bylaws. Kat Thompson reported that she has examples from other county veterans affairs offices to share.

**4. Vietnam Vets Day on the Hill:**

There have been no changes to the plans to support this 14 May 2025 event from the JCVA Commission. The applicable motion was passed at the 12 February 2025 JCVA Commission meeting.

**5. By-Laws Update:**

Fred Chabot made a motion and Ed Spangenburg seconded to appoint Jerry Nelson and Kat Thompson to be a bylaws update working group. The working group shall meet with Ray Maxey and Josh Price to prepare a draft and present it to the commission for consideration at the April or May, 2025 JCVA meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**1. March 2025 Activity Report:**

The subject report was not available.

**2. March 2025 Expenses and Allocation Report:**

The subject report was not available.

**3. VA Certification for Veterans Affairs Director:**

Director Maxey reported he learned about ample opportunities for NACVSO certification training in April, 2025. He will work with Josh Price to determine the best schedule for the training. Ray will also work on the applicable DAV and American Legion certifications.

**4. Goal Setting for JCVA Director:**

Jerry Nelson asked the commissioners to bring candidate five-year goals for the JCVA Director to the next two meetings for discussion.

Public Input: None

No announcements

Marta Ford made a motion and Kat Thompson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1545 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirm next meeting: Wednesday, 9 April 2025, 1500 hrs., Jasper County Office Building.

/s/ Ferdinand J. Chabot, Secretary