

# **Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
Board of Commissioner' Board Room, Kearney, NE**

Chairperson Tom McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order on March 11, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was made available to the public for this meeting and posted at the back of the Board Room.

## **Roll Call-**

Committee members present were Richard Bock, Stanley Brodine, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Absent: Robert Harpst. Also in attendance were Commissioners Myron Kouba and Bill Maendele, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey, Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke and Buffalo County Clerk Heather Christensen.

## **Notice of Meeting-**

Public Notice of this meeting was published on March 6, 2025, in the Kearney Hub and in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and also available on the Buffalo County Veteran Services Website.

## **Approval of Minutes-**

The minutes of the February 11, 2025 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Brodine and seconded by Bock to accept the February 11, 2025 minutes. Absent: Harpst. Upon vote, the motion passed.

## **Regular Agenda-**

There were no County Veteran Aid requests at this time.

County Veteran Service Officer Starkey informed the members of the Committee that there are Veteran aid requests pending and will hopefully be available to review at the next meeting. Starkey stated the cemetery markers were delivered however they are manufactured incorrectly. Starkey is working with the vendor to receive a credit for the error. He also spoke with Buffalo County Facilities team and they have offered to help correct the issue and requested

Committee members to volunteer their time to help take inventory of the items. Starkey gave an office update and spoke about how recent legislation has affected Veterans. Starkey shared a handout with the Committee that helps Veterans in suicide crisis with the Compact Act (section 201). A copy of the handout is on file with the County Clerk. The June meeting location was mentioned and will be discussed further at the next meeting. Discussion occurred.

**Mileage Claims-**

The Committee was informed that mileage claims could be submitted for those committee members requesting reimbursement.

**Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-**

Commissioner Kouba spoke to the Committee and congratulated Veteran Service Officer Starkey on his 2 years with the County. No one else addressed the Committee.

**Adjournment-** Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:21 P.M. until Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 4:00P.M.

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Tom McCoy, Chairperson  
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

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Date