Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Board of Commissioner's Board Room, Kearney, NE

Chairperson Tom McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order on October 13, 2026 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 for anyone who wishes to have a copy.

Roll Call-

Committee members present were Richard Bock, Robert Harpst, and Tom McCoy. Absent: Stanley Brodine and Lisa Mitchell. Also in attendance was Commissioner Myron Kouba, Veteran Service Officer Matthew Starkey and County Clerk Heather Christensen.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on October 8th, 2026 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 September 8, 2026 meeting were previously provided to the Committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to accept the September 8, 2026 minutes. Absent: Brodine and Mitchell. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

VSO Starkey informed the Committee that America's 250th traveling flag is being flown above the Buffalo County Courthouse today. The flag was received from Phelps County and will be delivered to Custer County as it continues its journey across Nebraska. The initiative aims to have the flag flown above the courthouses of all 93 counties.

VSO Starkey reviewed a request for aid. The committee discussed the request. Bock motioned to approved the amount $2,370.83 for the veteran aid request and Haprst seconded. Absent: Brodine and Mitchell. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VSO Starkey reviewed the Federal VA Gross Distribution of Expenditures Report for Fiscal Year 2025. A handout was made available.

Following discussion with VSO Starkey, Harpst motion to approve the request of Veteran Grave Markers to the Pleasanton Cemetery and Bock seconded. Absent: Brodine and Mitchell. Upon rollcall vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VSO Starkey provided an office update.

Mileage Claims-

No mileage claims need for October 2026.

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

No one addressed the Committee.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M. until Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. in the Buffalo County Boardroom.

Thomas D. McCoy
Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

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Date