

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Central Community College, Kearney, NE

Chairperson Tom McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order on May 12, 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 posted by the door.

Roll Call-

Committee members present were Richard Bock, Stanley Brodine, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Also in attendance were Commissioners Myron Kouba and Bill Maendele, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey, Veteran's Office Manager Linda Jones, Buffalo County Office Clerk Amanda Forney, and Central Community College Veteran's and Military Services Coordinator Shawn Patsios.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on May 7, 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 April 14, 2026 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Richard Bock and seconded by Robert Harpst to accept the April 14, 2026 minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Regular Agenda-

Veteran Service Officer Matthew Starkey reviewed a list of veterans killed in action, missing in action, or died in service that are buried in Buffalo County cemeteries. The project to identify more of these veterans is ongoing. A copy of the list presented to the Committee is available at the Clerk's Office.

There were no County Veteran Aid requests at this time.

Veteran Service Officer Starkey reviewed the County Veteran Aid Expenditures to the Committee. A proposed budget will be brought to the Committee in June. Discussion occurred.

Veteran Service Officer Starkey provided an office update to the Committee copies of the handouts are available in the Clerk's Office.

Mileage Claims-

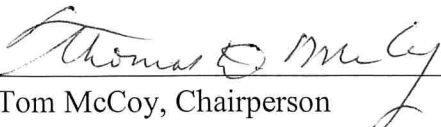
The Committee was informed that mileage claims could be submitted for those committee members requesting reimbursement.

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

No one addressed the Committee.

Discussion occurred regarding the recommendation for location for the June 2026 Veteran meeting. It was moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to hold the June meeting at The Crick located at 120 N Tyler St, Elm Creek, NE 68836 on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00P.M. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:34 P.M. until Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00P.M.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

5-28-26
Date