

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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 November 14, 2023 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, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Also in attendance Commissioners Myron Kouba and Bill Maendele, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey, Veteran's Office Manager Linda Jones, Veteran's Office Clerk Sue Janssen and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on November 7, 2023, 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 October 10, 2023 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to accept the October 10, 2023 minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

Veteran C.W., the Committee discussed this application asking for \$1,356.73 (Rent and Utilities). Moved by Bock and seconded by Mitchell to approve the requested amount with an additional month of rent for a total of \$1,814.05 and request Veteran C.W. attend financial counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Bock and seconded by Brodine to approve the Mission Statement “The Buffalo County Veteran Service Office exists to aid and assist all Buffalo County veterans and their families in obtaining federal, state and county veteran benefits”. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Bock and seconded by Brodine to move out of table regarding the adoption of the Veteran Service Committee Goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Veteran’s Service Officer Starkey presented the proposed goals for the fiscal year 2023-2024. After discussion it was moved by Brodine and seconded by Bock to adopt the Veteran Service Committee Goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Veteran’s Service Officer Starkey presented the Veteran Service Office (VSO) Report for 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2024 to the Committee. After discussion it was moved by Brodine and seconded by Bock to approve the VSO Office Report for the 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Veteran’s Service Officer Starkey stated that the October 2023 Office Report is not yet complete and will be presented in further meeting with the 2nd Quarter VSO Office Report.

Veteran’s Service Officer Starkey presented an update from the Veterans Service Office and the various ways they are reaching out to help veterans in need. Discussion occurred.

Commissioner Maendele left the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

Mileage Claims-

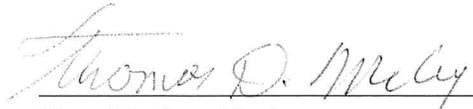
The Committee was informed that mileage claims could be submitted for those committee members requesting reimbursement.

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

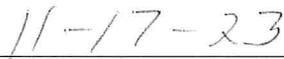
Committee member Brodine wanted to inform everyone that on December 7, 2023 at the American Legion Post 52, 1223 Central Ave, Kearney, NE from 11:00A.M. – 7 P.M. there will be a “Give Where You Live” event, soup will be available for those who attend.

Commissioner Kouba shared that he was impressed with the Veterans Committee and appreciates all the work they have done.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:49 P.M.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee



Date