

MINUTES

**Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, Board of Commissioner's "Board Room"
Buffalo County, Courthouse, Kearney, NE**

Chairman Tim Moninger called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call - Committee members present were Tim Moninger, Robert Harpst, Kenneth Yount, Tom McCoy and Stanley Brodine. Secretary and CVSO Bill Williams was present along with Office Manager and Assistant Service Officer Linda Jones of the Veteran's Service Office. Also present were many members of the public community.

Entering of Public Notice of Meeting – Chairman Moninger announced that the "Public Notice" of our meeting was published on January 25th, 2023, in the Kearney Hub and that a copy of the Public Meetings Act was made available to the public for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the September 13th, 2022 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Robert Harpst moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom McCoy (the motion passed unanimously).

Old Business – None.

New Business – The committee then received and review the following (2) aid applications and took up the matter of a complaint letter that had been received.

1. Veteran R.L.- The committee had been provided the information on this applicant and discussed his request for aid in the amount of \$1088.49. Ken Yount moved to approve the full amount requested. Robert Harpst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Veteran J.T.- The committee had been provided the information on this applicant and Linda Jones updated the committee that the veteran had completed a signed application but had not yet provided a signed rental agreement prior to the meeting. Sue Janssen of the Veteran's Service Office had brought down 2 different rental agreements that the veteran had just sent to the Veteran's Service Office. After reviewing these documents it was noted that the amounts on both documents differed from the information the veteran had provided for the application and that neither document was signed. Due to these circumstances the committee was unable to take action on this request and noted the veteran was welcome to reapply when he had proper complete documentation available.
3. Chairman Tim Moninger opened the discussion of the complaint letter that was received. Johnny Stewart (CMSgt USAF retired) had submitted a complaint letter on December 27, 2022 against CVSO Bill Williams through the VFW Post 759 Commander Richard Bock who then provided the letter to the committee. A member of the public requested the complaint be read aloud. Upon Chairman Moninger concluding the reading of the letter the committee opened up discussion to include any statements the public present wished to make.

Mileage Claims – The Committee was informed that mileage claims would be submitted for each of the committee members traveling to the meeting from out of town.

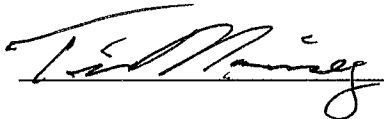
Public Comment Period/Benefits Questions & Answers- Many members of the public chose to speak regarding the service they have received by Bill Williams CVSO as both proponents and opponents. Mr. Williams was given the opportunity to speak in regards to any criticism that was brought forward. Once all public comments had been made Chairman Moninger moved for the committee to go into executive session at 5:25pm. Seconded by Stan Brodine. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session- All members of the committee were present along with Secretary/CVSO Bill Williams and Office Manager/Assistant Service Officer Linda Jones. The committee discussed the complaint that was made by Mr. Johnny Stewart and what actions they were able to take. Within this discussion Bill Williams brought to their attention the last time he was given a performance evaluation was in 2014.

Once the discussion was completed Tom McCoy moved to end the executive session at 6:02pm. Seconded by Stan Brodine. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Session- Tom McCoy moved to recommend to the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors that they complete performance evaluations on Bill Williams, more fully supervise Bill Williams and review office salaries and to also request guidance and clarification from the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors and Buffalo County Attorney Shawn Eatherton as to the Veteran's Service Committee's functions and their role in the employment/operations matters of the Veteran's Service Office. Seconded by Stan Brodine. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment – Chairman Tim Monger adjourned the meeting at 6:03 PM.

 Tim Moninger (Chairman)

2-21-23 Date

Minutes prepared by the Committee Secretary (Bill Williams) on February 8, 2023.