

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

**Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting
Tuesday July 11, 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 July 11, 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 Buffalo County Clerk Heather Christensen, Chairperson Ivan Klein, Commissioner Myron Kouba, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey, Veteran's Office Manager Linda Jones and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on July 6, 2023, in the Kearney Hub and in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and also available on the Buffalo County Veterans Website.

Approval of Minutes-

The minutes of the June 29, 2023 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst seconded by Bock to accept the June 29, 2023 minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

Veterans Office Manager Jones presented the County Veteran Aid Application limits and process. Discussion occurred between Committee members in review of the application and the content requested on the form from applicants, no changes were requested.

Veterans Office Manager Jones led a discussion regarding payment options currently available to the Veterans office. Jones stated that at the moment the office only issues check payments and grocery certificates to local stores and that as technology advances check payments

are becoming obsolete. Discussion occurred between Committee members and more information was requested before a decision can be made.

Veteran C.W. the Committee discussed this application asking for \$1,913.87 (Rent, Utilities and Groceries). Moved by Brodine and seconded Mitchell to approve the requested amount. The motion passed unanimously.


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-

Veteran's Service Committee members discussed with Veteran Service Officer Starkey how they can work together to improve the Buffalo County Veteran community. Commissioner Kouba encouraged community conversation and providing information about the aid they could receive if they need assistance.

Adjournment- Moved by Brodine seconded by Harpst to adjourned the meeting at 4:34 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

7-19-23
Date