

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Board of Commissioner' Board Room, Kearney, NE

Buffalo County Clerk heather Christensen called the Reorganization Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order 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 Ivan Klein, Myron Kouba and Bill Maendele, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke.

Nominations-

Buffalo County Clerk Christensen called for the election of a new Chairperson. Committee member Harpst nominated Tom McCoy for Chairperson of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Bock seconded the nomination. Buffalo County Clerk Christensen called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom McCoy. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Tom McCoy is the 2024 Veteran Service Committee Chairperson.

County Clerk Christensen turned the meeting over to Chairperson McCoy.

Chairperson McCoy called for the election of a new Vice Chairperson. Committee Member Brodine nominated Robert Harpst as Vice Chairperson of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Mitchell seconded the nomination. Chairperson McCoy called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and the nominations ceased with a unanimous ballot for Robert Harpst. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Robert Harpst is the 2024 Veteran Service Committee Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson McCoy called for the election of a new Secretary of the Veteran's Service Committee. Vice Chairperson Harpst nominated Stanley Brodine as Secretary of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Bock seconded the nomination. Chairperson McCoy called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and the nominations ceased with a unanimous ballot for Stanley Brodine. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Stanley Brodine is the 2024 Veteran's Service Committee Secretary.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on January 4, 2024, 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 December 12, 2023 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst seconded by Mitchell to accept the minutes with the following correction "Adjournment- Moved by Mitchell and seconded by Harpst to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:19 P.M. until January 9, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.". Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

Veteran C.V. the Committee discussed this application asking for \$2,348.00 (Rent, Utilities and Loan). Moved by Bock and seconded by Harpst to approve the requested amount. The motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented with handouts an update from the Veterans Service Office and presented new legislation to the Committee. Discussion occurred. A copy of the handouts and legislation is on file with the County Clerk's Office and the County Veterans Office.

Mileage Claims-

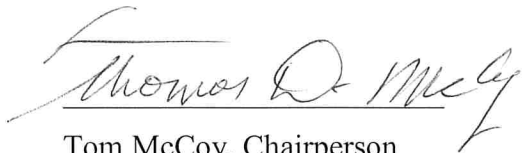
The Committee was informed that mileage claims could be submitted for those committee members requesting reimbursement.

Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-

Commissioner Kouba Congratulated Veteran's Service Officer Starkey on his six month anniversary with Buffalo County. Chairperson McCoy asked the Board members if they have seen

improvement in the last year of service provided by the Committee. The Board members present said they were extremely pleased with the Veteran Committee and encourage them to keep doing amazing work.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:23 P.M. until Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

1-18-24
Date