

Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 11, 2024

Stockman's Bar and Grill, 114 N Main St, Amherst, NE 68812

Chairperson Tom McCoy called the Regular Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order on June 11, 2024 at 7:25 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 room.

Roll Call-

Committee members present were Richard Bock, Stanley Brodine, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Also in attendance was Commissioner Myron Kouba, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey, Veteran Office Manager Linda Jones, Veteran's Office Clerk Sue Janssen and Buffalo County Clerk Heather Christensen.

Notice of Meeting-

Public Notice of this meeting was published on June 6, 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 May 14, 2024 meeting were previously provided to the Committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to accept the May 14, 2024 minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda-

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey reviewed the limits for County Veterans' Aid for Funeral Expenses for eligible veterans. Moved by Bock and seconded by Brodine to approve County Veterans' Aid for Funeral Expenses limits of \$5,000. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey reviewed the limits for County Veterans' Aid for Burial Expenses for eligible veterans. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Mitchell to approve County Veterans' Aid for Burial Expenses limits of \$1,400. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran T.V. to the Committee and discussed the request for \$5,000.00 for burial costs, \$1,250 for rent and

\$1,400 for expenses. After discussion it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to approve the requested amount of \$5,000.00 for burial costs, \$1,250 for rent. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran R.L. to the Committee and discussed the request for \$1,080.00 for rent. Moved by Bock and seconded by Mitchell to approve the requested amount. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented an update. Starkey stated that during his budget hearing he requested an increase from the County Board of Commissioners for the next budget year.

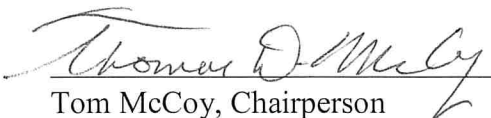
Mileage Claims-

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 wished Veteran's Service Officer Starkey a happy birthday and the group began singing Happy Birthday. No one else addressed the Committee.

Adjournment- Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 8:04 P.M. until Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.



Tom McCoy, Chairperson
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee



Date