

# **Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes**

## **Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday August 13, 2024**

**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 August 13, 2024 at 4:01 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 and Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke.

### **Notice of Meeting-**

Public Notice of this meeting was published on August 8, 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 July 9, 2024 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Brodine to accept the July 9, 2024 minutes. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda-**

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran M.W. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$3,422.00 (Rent, Medical and Utilities). Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to approve the requested amount. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran E.M. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$2,381.00 (Maintenance, Groceries and

Rent). After discussion it was moved by Bock and seconded by Mitchell to approve the amount of \$1,458.00 for Rent and Groceries. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented the application for Veteran B.S. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$1,800.00 (Rent, Groceries and Medical). After discussion it was moved by Harpst and seconded by Mitchell to approve the amount of \$3,100.00 Rent, Groceries and Medical. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey presented an update from the Veterans Service Office about the open application process for hiring an additional Veteran Service Officer. Discussion occurred.

**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 spoke to the committee thanking them for the conversations during the meeting and appreciates their problem solving ability to help the Veterans in need in Buffalo County. Commissioner Maendele agreed with the statement. No one else addressed the Committee.

**Adjournment-** Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:32 P.M. until Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. Upon vote, the motion passed.

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Tom McCoy, Chairperson  
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

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Date