

# Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Minutes

## **Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Board of Commissioner' Board Room, Kearney, NE**

Buffalo County Office Clerk Katie VanSlyke called the Reorganization Meeting of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting to order at 4:02 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 Stanley Brodine, Robert Harpst, Lisa Mitchell and Tom McCoy. Absent: Richard Bock. Also in attendance, Veteran's Service Officer Matthew Starkey as well as County Commissioners Myron Kouba and Bill Maendele.

### **Nominations-**

Buffalo County Office Clerk VanSlyke called for the election of a new Chairperson. Committee member Brodine nominated Tom McCoy for Chairperson of the Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee and Harpst seconded the nomination. Buffalo County Office Clerk VanSlyke called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and it was moved by Brodine and seconded by Harpst to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom McCoy. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed. Tom McCoy is the 2025 Veteran Service Committee Chairperson.

County Office Clerk VanSlyke 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 2025 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 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 Stanley Brodine. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Stanley Brodine is the 2025 Veteran's Service Committee Secretary.

**Notice of Meeting-**

Public Notice of this meeting was published on January 9, 2025, 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 10, 2024 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst seconded by Brodine to accept the December 10, 2024 minutes. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda-**

There were no applications for County Veteran Aid at this time.

Veteran Service Officer Matthew Starkey provided an office update to the Committee.

**Mileage Claims-**

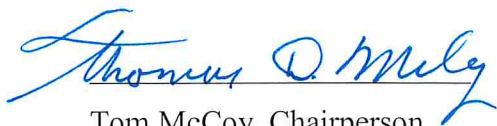
The Committee was informed that mileage claims could be submitted for those committee members requesting reimbursement.

**Public Comment Period/ Benefits Questions and Answers-**

Commissioner Kouba requested performance appraisals to be filled out and to have positive and at least one negative comment or suggestion to help with growth possibilities.

**Adjournment-** Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:12 P.M. until Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

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Tom McCoy, Chairperson  
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

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Date