

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

## **Buffalo County Veteran's Service Committee Meeting Tuesday February 11, 2025 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 February 11, 2025 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 and Tom McCoy. Absent: Lisa Mitchell. Also in attendance were 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 February 6, 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 January 14, 2025 meeting were previously provided to the committee members for their review. Moved by Harpst and seconded by Bock to accept the January 14, 2025 minutes. Absent: Mitchell. Upon vote, the motion passed.

### **Regular Agenda-**

Veteran's Service Officer Starkey reviewed a request for aid for Veteran S.B. to the Committee and discussed the request for a total of \$3,200.00 (Rent). Moved by Bock and seconded by Harpst to approve the requested amount. Absent: Mitchell. Upon vote, the motion passed.

County Veteran Service Officer Starkey informed the members of the Committee that new Assistant Veteran Service Officer Kollin Forney completed his initial training from national

Association of County Veteran Service officers on Friday, January 31, 2025. New VSO's are required to complete this training within their first year of service. Kollin was hired on September 30, 2024 and completed his training within his first four months of employment. Starkey stated that their office has been very busy with veteran homestead exemption applications and gave updates on the various legislative changes regarding veterans. Brodine inquired to Starkey about an article he read in the Kearney Hub regarding Veterans being able to be tax exempt on Vehicle tags. Starkey stated he was unaware but will look into the inquiry. 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 Maendele commented on the vehicle tax exemption that Brodine mentioned previously in the meeting. No one else addressed the Committee.

**Adjournment-** Chairperson McCoy adjourned the meeting at 4:19 P.M. until Tuesday, March 11, 2024 at 4:00P.M.

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Tom McCoy, Chairperson  
Buffalo County Veterans Service Committee

  
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