

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting
5 May 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Ronald Corbett chairman, Richard Strain, Fred Kozak, excused absent Lyle Bartels, Alan Strouf, Forrest Doyle CVSO / Secretary, Stephanie Krivohlavek, Willis Ludke County Commissioner. And Jill Kuzelka from Public Health Solutions / Vet Set Ne. Doyle reminded those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Strain moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kozak. Voting aye: 3, nays: none motion carried.

Spend reading the minutes of the 21 January, 2016 regular meeting as all had received a copy of then in the mail. Strain motion to approve the minutes as received, seconded by Kozak. Voting aye: 3, nay: none, motion carried.

Doyle read the report of what the office has done as to seeing veterans and dependents for claims and help from the office. From the Federal VA 4 new claims and 5 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 2 new Non service connected claims. 3 requests for school, 5 for Discharges from the National Archives, 2 requests for health care and 1 appointment requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 13 Veterans have passed away and 8 spouses and, for the office 13 Veterans, 8 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 4 requests for compensation or pensions for Widows, 4 burial benefits, 5 headstones or markers. 1 requests for Senators Office help and, 3 requests for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 6 from state and 4 from the county, 2 hunting and Fishing permit, One (1) State Veterans Home application. And 8 request for transportation for health care and only completing 6 of these trips due to canceling the appointment or due to bad weather and road conditions. Office has provided 5 county markers for veterans' and. Had 5 requests for Nebraska Veterans Aid with 3 approved for \$6775.43 and 1 denied \$256.04. County Aid fund is at \$ 3092.35 with no request to use County Aid Fund.

Went over the budget worksheets, and estimate that the cost of living (COL) may be 2% but have not had a report from the Clerk's office yet. Working on getting the County newspaper's to start run articles on new update from the VA and the Veteran Service office, have a response from the Wilber & Friend News Papers that they will run the articles now waiting on the Crete Newspaper to respond.

Reported on changes to the state statutes that affect the Office, 80-403 Veterans Relief (Ne Veterans Aid Fund) can now pay for some Transportation cost and some catastrophic emergency expenses and provided a copy of the state maximum allocations to all present. How LB 305 would not affect 80-102 for County Aid which is not required to help pay transportation cost. Was some discussion on what other counties are using their county funds for at the training in April? Some counties will use it for car

repairs and other don't just what the statue 80-102 says, and schooling for the National Guard. Reported on the Registry for Veteran on Driver's License requiring using a DD-214 and, a DD-214 or NGB-22 form and for the Veterans License Plates.

Reported on the states computer system Vetera Spec as I have continued using the system and still not use to it but working with it more daily and getting better at using it.

Reported on the County Car used by the office and that the veterans that have used it have no problem getting in and out.

The Veterans Memorial committee is stilling entering information on Kiosk and the kiosk it is working with some problems and the memorial committee meet today and have appointed Glenn Pipper as Chairman and will have a cable installed so we can make updates to the kiosk our self and Windy Prairie will do updates to it all so and have a new Maintenance Agreement and with the cable in place they will be able to see when the kiosk is off line or working.

Reported that I had ordered more County markers/ Flag holders and would be submitting for payment when I have received them. And the Federal VA will no longer let the office order government markers for unmarked veteran's graves so we need to have the family do it or the family legal rep.

Jill Kuzelka provided a short run down of what the Vet Set office does for the veterans and how the two, referee veterans and families to the correct places to get help.

At 8:20 p.m. Ronald Corbett call for the committee to go into Executive Board meeting and at 8:50 p.m. meeting ended and returned to regular meeting

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 15 September 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse assembly room. With no further business to come before the committee Kozak moved for Adjournment and seconded by Strain Voting aye: 3, nays: none, motion carried.

Ronald Corbett adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary