

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting
15 September 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Richard Strain, Fred Kozak, Ronald Corbett, Lyle Bartels, Forrest Doyle
CVSO / Secretary, Stephanie Krivohlavek 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.

Lyle Bartels moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Richard Strain. Voting aye: 5, nays: none motion carried.

Spend reading the minutes of the 5 May, 2016 regular meeting as all had received a copy of them in the mail. Corbett had added to the minutes Veterans Service office budget submitted to committee Strain made motion to approve the Budget as received, seconded by Kozak. Voting aye: 3, nay: none, motion carried. No further Corrections or additions; Lyle Bartels made motion to except the minutes as corrected seconded by Richard Strain. Voting aye 5, 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 3 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 1 new Non service connected claims. 0 requests for school, 7 for Discharges from the National Archives, 3 requests for health care and 1 appointment requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 10 Veterans have passed away and 10 spouses and, for the office 13 Veterans, 10 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 0 requests for compensation or pensions for Widows, 3 burial benefits, 4 headstones or markers. 1 requests for Senators Office help and, 1 request for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 4 from state and 5 from the county, 2 hunting and Fishing permit, One (1) State Veterans Home application Pending. And 25 request for transportation for health care and only completing 23 of these trips due to canceling the appointment or due to bad weather and road conditions. Office has provided 10 county markers for veterans' and. Had 2 requests for Nebraska Veterans Aid with 1 approved for \$3092.35 and 1 denied \$301.75 an 2 pending for \$1888.37. County Aid fund is at \$ 3092.35 with one request to use County Aid Fund for 278.37 denied due to veteran's time in service did not meet state statue for use of county fund.

Went over the budget worksheets and reported on budget

Working on getting the County newspaper's to start run articles on new update from the VA and the Veteran Service office, articles now waiting on the Crete Newspaper to respond and to tell will do home visits.

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 having a Cooling system for kiosk looked into and installed 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.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 19 January 2017 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: 5, nays: none, motion carried.
Alan Strouf adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary