

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting  
27 April 2017

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

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Richard Strain, Fred Kozak, Lyle Bartels, and Ronald Corbett excused, Forrest Doyle CVSO / Secretary, Stephanie Krivohlavek County Commissioner and one person from public.

Doyle reminded those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Fred Kozak moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lyle Bartels. Voting aye: 4, nays: none motion carried.

Doyle read the minutes of the 19 January, 2016 regular meeting. Strain made motion to approve the minutes as read Seconded by Bartels. Voting aye: 4, nays: 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 4 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 0 new Non service connected claims. 0 requests for school, 3 for Discharges from the National Archives, 3 requests for health care and 2 appointments requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 9 Veterans have passed away and 10 spouses and, for the office 9 Veterans, 10 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 1 request for compensation or pensions for Widows, 2 burial benefits, 4 headstones or markers. 1 requests for Senators Office help and, 3 request for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 5 from state and 2 from the county, 2 hunting and Fishing permit, One (1) new State Veterans Home application and one Pending. And 21 request for transportation for health care and only completing 18 of these trips due to canceling the appointment or due to bad weather and road conditions. Office has provided 5 county markers and one pending. Had 1 pending and 5 requests for Nebraska Veterans Aid with 1 approved for \$838.00 and 2 denied. County Aid fund is at \$ 3092.35 with 1 pending request to use County Aid Fund.

Went over the budget worksheets and reported on budget for 2018, at this time there are no changes to budget but we are waiting on what the COLA for this year is to be and when known will submit the budget requests to the Commissioners before 9 June. The Office will be ordering the county markers soon.

Working on getting the County newspaper's articles on new update from the VA and the Veteran Service office, tell will do home visits. And the National Archives maybe changing how they Issue DD-214 and the State of Nebraska also.

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. We now have License plates for the reserves starting 1 January 2018

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. The State is not entering all the information in to this system due to requirement from the Federal VA even though the VA is using this system as a D-2-D system for CVSO's and we are checking on how to make the Information flow better as We now have a work around for this system. In the future the Fed VA may require the all CVSO redo the Certification Schooling that I had just redone and completed 14 April it may become a 5 year requirement.

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 hired 2 people to enter information and they have rechecked files in the office and are working on the Books in the Clerk's office. And they have completed the books and files the kiosk it is working with some problems and having a Cooling system for kiosk looked into

Have been holding an outreach at the Vets and Friends in Crete to help with paperwork and Information.

8:30 Closed Session for County Aid Fund Request

8:40 Committee exited Closed Session for County Aid Fund request which was approved in the Amount of \$325.63

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 28 September 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse assembly room. With no further business to come before the committee Strain moved for Adjournment and seconded by Bartels Voting aye: 4, nays: none, motion carried.

Alan Strouf Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary