

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting
18 January 2018

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

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Fred Kozak, Lyle Bartels, Richard Strain and Ronald Corbett excused, Forrest Doyle CVSO / Secretary, Stephanie Krivohlavek County Commissioner and Three (3) people 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 Richard Strain. Voting aye: 4, nays: none motion carried.

Doyle read the minutes of the 21 September, 2017 regular meeting. Bartels made motion to approve the minutes as read Seconded by Kozak. 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 5 new claims and 2 completed and 3 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 3 completed and 1 new Non service connected claims. 0 requests for school, 5 for Discharges from the National Archives, 5 requests for health care and 5 appointments requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 10 Veterans have passed away and 4 spouses and, for the office 10 Veterans, 4 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 2 requests for compensation or pensions for Widows, 3 burial benefits and 1 completed 4 headstones or markers. 0 requests for Senators Office help and, 0 request for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 6 from state and 3 from the county, 3 hunting and Fishing permit, 1 State Veterans Home application one Pending. And 18 request for transportation for health care and only completing 12 of these trips due to canceling the appointment or due to bad weather and road conditions. Office has provided 6 county markers. Nebraska Veterans Aid has paid 1 claim for aid \$1448.89, 4 pending requests for \$11283.38 with 1 denied for \$3440. County Aid fund started at \$ 2016.72 and had 0 requests for County Aid and 1 Deposit of \$1000.00 total Checking fund is \$3016.72 with a reserve fund for \$ 4329.00. The Fed VA has just changed the applications' for headstones or markers an now the CVSO or Veterans Organizations can now order head stones or markers for unmarked Veterans Graves and then remarked on the SSVF Program and that we have used it in Saline County for about 3 or 4 people or families.

Went over the budget reported on budget for 2018, at this time there are no problems with Office budget.

Veterans Memorial Budget started at \$15467 and expended \$479.23 on walkways' bricks and still has \$14987.77 and I am the only one entering information in the Kiosk and I may spend an hour each week Entering information and Pictures most from the newspaper obituaries.

Reported on the states computer system Vetera Spec. The State is not entering all the information in to this system due to requirement from the Federal VA and now the state will be stopping access to files if the CVSO is not cross Accredited with the veterans Service Organization or has a sign Veteranspec Waiver on hand from the Veterans

During the Citizens forum it was asked why the CVSO had not been reappointed to the position as of yet and if the commissioners would let the CVSO go and hire a new one. The committee said as far as they know this was not to happen and they deferred to Stephanie Krivohlavek County Commissioner and was told that the committee was asked to come to the next County Commissioner meeting on 01/23/2018 to go over the eval for the office and invited the veterans of the public to come and let the commissioners know what they think of the office.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 17 May 2018 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: 4, nays: none, motion carried.
Alan Strouf adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary