

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting
17 January 2019

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

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Fred Kozak, Richard Strain, and absent Ronald Corbett and Lyle Bartels. Forrest Doyle CVSO / Secretary, Stephanie Krivohlavek and Philip Hardenburger County Commissioners and No people from public.

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

Alan Strouf moved to approve the agenda motion carried.

Doyle read the minutes of the 20 September, 2018 regular meeting. Kozak made motion to approve the minutes as read Seconded by Strain. Voting aye: 3, 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 6 new claims and 5 completed and 3 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 1 completed and No new Non service connected claims. 0 requests for school, 3 for Discharges from the National Archives, 1 request for health care and 3 appointments requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 5 Veterans have passed away and 5 spouses and, for the office 5 Veterans, 5 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 2 requests for compensation or pensions for Widows, 2 burial benefits and 1 completed 3 headstones or markers. Had 1 request for Senators Office help and, No Requests for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 5 from state and 4 from the county, 3 hunting and Fishing permit, 0 State Veterans Home applications and the one that was pending was canceled as the veterans had passed away . And 17 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 5 county markers. Nebraska Veterans Aid has paid from last report 2 New claims for aid \$4170.46 with 1 denied for \$427 and we have 4 pending for \$17145.05. County Aid fund started at \$ 3016.72 and had 1 request for County Aid in the amount \$438.47 Checking fund is \$2578.25 with a reserve fund for \$ 4329.00. The CVSO's where to have been given an update at NACO in December on the VA starting a new Veterans Transportation Service (VTS) which should be picking veterans up at their homes and taking them to Lincoln or Omaha appointment provided a pamphlet to committee just not sure as to when it will start but maybe around the first of February Veterans Office Budget is in good shape and looking at replacing the Office computer this year or next year. Veterans Memorial Budget started at \$18587 and expended \$7087.63 as we have ordered a new Kiosk for \$4599 and it is now in and is being programed by Windy Prairie Systems and when the weather get better they will bring it down and test fit it to see what will be needed to the surround before it can be removed and repainted also on walkways' bricks and still has \$11499.37 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. Will need to get Bernice Weber to report on the other accounts amounts

Reported on the states computer system Vetera Spec. This office has had 126 reported interactions with the Vetera Spec system

Report on Outreach at Crete Veterans and Friends (VFW) will start in February I will only be going only the first Wednesday of the month until it shows that it is needed more

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 17 January 2019 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.

Alan Strouf adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary