VETERANS BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019

MINUTES

A meeting of the Veterans Board of Cuming County, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:35 a.m. on October 28, 2019, at West Point, Nebraska with Gatzemeyer, Feyerherm, Storm, Kindschuh present; Brahmer and Schwer absent. Hunke attended as Recorder.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication on the County website and postings on bulletin boards and media screens at the Cuming County Courthouse, two of the County’s designated methods for giving notice, a copy of the agenda being attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice. The VSO publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” was posted in the meeting room and on the County’s website. A pamphlet form of the act is available upon request. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. MINUTES
No minutes of the last meeting were presented. Hunke attended this meeting as recorder and will continue to fill this role at future meetings. Minutes will be voted on monthly beginning in November.

2. EXPENSES
September expenses totaled $716.97 for phone, lodging and Veteran’s Aid fund as presented by Gatzemeyer.

3. CUMING COUNTY VETERANS AID
Gatzemeyer reported that the balance of the checking account must be at the required balance every 3 months in March, June, September and December. A check request was submitted last week in accordance with this policy. Each member in attendance received a copy of proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations to review over the next month. Discussion and voting will be held at the next meeting. Copies will be mailed to Brahmer and Schwer.

4. VSO JOURNAL
Gatzemeyer reported ten veteran claims currently pending, five claims have been completed since he started as VSO and four cases are being appealed.

5. BUDGET
An updated budget was provided for review. Gatzemeyer explained that the License account is over budget because licenses that should have posted last fiscal year actually posted in the current fiscal year.

6. VSO TOTALS
Gatzemeyer reported work completed in various categories for the month, quarter and year.

7. CUMING COUNTY VETERANS AND DOLLARS
No update reported.
8. HONOR ROLL
Gatzemeyer reported that three veterans have passed away since last meeting; one in Bancroft and two in West Point. These veterans have been added to the Honor Roll.

9. FLAGS
Gatzemeyer reported that he was recently asked by the family of a deceased veteran if the County office replaces veterans' flags flown at the cemetery when they are in disrepair. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Gatzemeyer asked if replacement flags for Neligh Park and Timmerman Park had been the responsibility of the County office in the past. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Kindschuh and seconded by Feyerherm to assign the responsibility for upkeep and replacement of the Timmerman Park flag in the future to the County Veterans Service office. Vote resulted as follows: Storm, Kindschuh, Storm, Feyerherm, Gatzemeyer yea; nays none; Brahmer and Schwer absent; motion carried.

10. VSO ASSISTANT POSITION
Gatzemeyer reported that the Board of Supervisors is voting this week on making the VSO Assistant position a full-time permanent position.

11. EMERGENCY MANAGER POSITION
Gatzemeyer reported the Board of Supervisors is in discussion regarding dividing the current VSO/Emergency Manager position into two separate positions.

11. MUTUAL AID
No activity reported.

12. MEETINGS
Gatzemeyer reported attending eight meetings as VSO since the last board meeting. He was unavailable to attend two scheduled meetings. In roles other than VSO, Gatzemeyer reported attending eleven meetings; he was unavailable to attend five scheduled meetings. Many of these meetings were Emergency Management related. The NACO Annual Conference is scheduled for Dec 11-13 in Kearney and Gatzemeyer plans to attend.

13. ADJOURNMENT
Kindschuh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gatzemeyer. Vote resulted as follows: Gatzemeyer, Storm, Feyerherm, Kindschuh, yea; nays none; Brahmer and Schwer absent; motion carried.

The next Veterans Board meeting will be held on November 25, 2019. The agenda will be kept current in the Veterans Service Office and on the County website (www.cummingco.com).

Lisa Hunke, Recorder

Jason Gatzemeyer, VSO

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