VETERANS BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Veterans Board of Cuming County, in the State of Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 7:30 a.m. on January 27, 2020 at West Point, Nebraska with Gatzemeyer, Feyerherm, Storm, Kindschuh, Brahmer, Schwer present. None absent.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. EXPENSES
Gatzemeyer listed the following expenses since the last meeting: Telephone $57.41, Licenses $33.98, Fuel $67.84.

2. BUDGET
Gatzemeyer reported we are halfway through the fiscal year, VSO expenditures are at 50%, so everything is on target at this time.

Gatzemeyer asked if anyone needed flags for Memorial Day 2020. Brahmer needs one box for Wisner, Feyerherm needs one box for Beemer and Bancroft needs one box. Jason will order and deliver the flags.

3. CUMING COUNTY VETERANS AID
Gatzemeyer reported that the balance of the checking account shown on the 12/31/19 statement was $1500.

A veteran came into the office last week needing assistance. This veteran was working full time but suffered a back injury on the job and has been unable to work for a while. He has been staying current on his bills, but ran out of propane and needed some assistance. Gatzemeyer proposed approval of the following grant for this veteran:

- Sapp Brothers - $330.14 for propane
- PetroMart – Three $30 vouchers for gas for medical appointments and school (children)
- Graybeal’s Foods - $200 voucher for grocery items
- Cuming County Rural Water District - $78.65 for December water bill
Kindschuh made a motion to approve these payments and vouchers, seconded by Schwer. Vote resulted as follows: Gatzemeyer, Storm, Feyerherm, Kindschuh, Brahmer, Schwer yeas; nays none; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES
Minutes of the December meeting were presented. Kindschuh made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Feyerherm. Vote resulted as follows: Gatzemeyer, Storm, Feyerherm, Kindschuh, Brahmer, Schwer yeas; nays none; motion carried.

2. OUTSTANDING CLAIMS
Gatzemeyer reported that the claim that had been pending for a year now was finally paid this month. The veteran’s widow received burial benefits totaling $1,080 and she was approved for Aid and Attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. EM POSITION
Gatzemeyer reported that the Board of Supervisors will be voting on the new EM position tomorrow. Once approved the Board will advertise and start interviewing. They hope to have someone in place by the end of February.

The Emergency Management vehicle will be passed on to the new Emergency Manager. Jason visited with Board of Supervisors about transporting veterans to medical appointments and he was told he could utilize vehicles used by the Extension Office and the Assessor’s Office. These vehicles were purchased by the county for county business which would include VSO matters.

2. HONOR ROLL
Gatzemeyer reported that three veterans passed away since last meeting. Markers will be placed at the graves once the ground has thawed.

Gatzemeyer asked if Board members would let him know when they notice grave markers that need to be replaced. There are markers available in the office to use for replacements.

Gatzemeyer reported that he recently realized that local funeral home directors were using flags issued to Cuming County for all veteran funerals, some of whom were not Cuming County veterans. When a flag is used, a Form 27-2008 must be submitted to replace that flag in the VSO inventory. These forms were not being submitted for non-Cuming County veterans because we were unaware our flags were being used for these burials. Gatzemeyer plans to submit 27-2008 forms for all non-Cuming County veterans buried by Cuming County funeral homes since he has been the VSO so that these flags will be replaced in the VSO inventory. In the future Gatzemeyer will submit these forms along with other required paperwork upon the burial of a veteran by a Cuming County funeral home.

3. TOWN HALL
Gatzemeyer reported that a Town Hall meeting is necessary to share information with veterans about benefits. He is considering what would be the best way to facilitate this meeting. Schwer recommends holding one meeting and inviting all veterans in the county and surrounding areas to attend. Storm has attended a similar meeting offered in another county and he believes advertising is key to the success of this meeting. Gatzemeyer is hoping to plan something for April when the weather is warmer.
4. **MEETINGS**
   Gatzemeyer reported attending seven meetings as VSO since the last board meeting. He was unavailable to attend three scheduled meetings. In roles other than VSO, Gatzemeyer reported attending eleven meetings; he was unavailable to attend five scheduled meetings; these meetings were primarily Emergency Management related.

5. **APPOINTMENT DATES**
   Gatzemeyer reported upcoming appointments. He will be out of the office for CyberSecurity training on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The office will be closed Mar 5-6 and April 1-3 during which times both Lisa and Jason will be out of the office.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Veterans Board meeting will be held on February 24, 2020. The agenda will be kept current in the Veterans Service Office and on the County website (www.cumingco.com).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kindschuh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Schwer. Vote resulted as follows: Gatzemeyer, Storm, Feyerherm, Kindschuh, Brahmer, Schwer yeas; nays none; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

![Signature]

Lisa Hunke, Recorder

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Jason Gatzemeyer, VSO

Date: 1-28-20

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Present: Feyerherm, Brahmer, Storm, Kindschuh, Schwer

Absent: Feyerherm, Brahmer, Storm, Kindschuh, Schwer

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

1. Information posted
2. Notices, agendas & minutes posted monthly on www.cumingcountyco.com

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Expenses
   a. Telephone $
   b. Licenses $
   c. Mileage Allowance $
   d. Dues, training $
   e. Office supplies $
   f. Grave markers $

2. Budget

3. Veterans Aid Account

OLD BUSINESS

1. Minutes from last meeting
NEW BUSINESS

1. Honor Roll
2. Appointment Dates
3. Town Hall
   a. Widows of Vietnam Vets
4. Summer Help

MUTUAL AID REPORT

1. County Veterans Aid requests/denials/approvals
2. State Veterans Aid requests/denials/approvals

MEETINGS ATTENDED/NOT ATTENDED

MEETINGS/TRAININGS SCHEDULED IN THE FUTURE

ADJOURNMENT