

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
CONFERENCE CALL

October 6, 2009
2:20pm

Meeting called to order by Chairman Lyle Schuchard.

Roll Call:

Present:

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| Lee Finstad | John Hanson | Mark Landis |
| Mike Fisher | Ken Hasby | Ron Otto |
| Jeff Hall | Dave Hilleren | Lyle Schuchard |

Absent:

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| John Adolf | Orletta Kilen | Dean Overby |
| Wayne Paulson | Dave Vandergon | |

Lonnie Wangen, Commissioner
Department Staff: Cathy Halgunseth, Andrea Swiontek

Chairman Schuchard reported that the State Treasurer, Kelly Schmidt has said there should be \$200,000 in Post War Trust Fund interest earnings available for the 2009 – 2011 biennium and the proposal would be to request \$25,000 per quarter. He talked about other items in addition to the grant program that need to be paid and would they just be included in the monies rather than deciding on them individually. These items include lodging for the transportation drivers and the appeals committee conference calls.

Motion by Dave Hilleren to approve the \$8,292.42 from the previous biennium and \$3,000 from the van sale to be transferred to the Commissioner's budget to pay outstanding bills, second by Lee Finstad. Motion passed unanimously [MOTION #1]

Motion by Lee Finstad to approve \$200,000 for the biennium or \$100,000 per fiscal year with requests to be made in the amounts of \$25,000 quarterly, second by Ken Hasby. Friendly amendment offered by Ron Otto that the Commissioner give notice to the Chairman when requesting funds. Friendly amendment accepted by Lee Finstad and Ken Hasby. Motion passed unanimously [MOTION #2]

Commissioner Wangen reported that any requests sent to the State Treasurer will include a "cc" to Carlee McLeod (attorney, State Treasurer's Office) and Chairman Schuchard.

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Chairman Schuchard reported that he and Lee Finstad are working on a letter to Mark Johnson, ND Veterans Home Administrator, confirming that all Governing Board actions need to be brought before the Administrative Committee.

A meeting with Mike Mullen at the Attorney General's Office is set-up to discuss the \$450,000 so this issue can be resolved.

Motion by John Hanson to adjourn, second by Mike Fisher. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Otto
Secretary