

MINUTES

APRIL 19 & 20, 2002

VETERANS HOME LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA

Meeting called to order by Chairman Thomas Moe. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for the POW/MIA followed.

Roll call:

Members **PRESENT:**

Paul Aaberg	Gerald Balzer	Larry Dakken
Ken Evenson	Ted Krogen	Joe Litzinger
Tom Rainsberry	Kasey Schmaltz	Joe Schneider
Ken Vatne	Thomas R. Moe	

Members **ABSENT:**

Daryl Beard	Rudy Jenson	Willy Warner
Don Weible		

Others in Attendance

Commissioner Ray Harkema
Commandant Ken Anderson
Doug Kenyon – VA Medical Center & Regional Office
Maren Daley - Director, Job Service North Dakota
Bob Olheiser - Deputy State Treasurer
Bill Peschel - President, CVSO Association
Members of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council

Minutes of January 20, 2002 meeting.

Motion by Balzer, second by Rainsberry to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speakers:

Doug Kenyon, Fargo VA Medical and Regional Office Center

Maren Daley, Executive Director Job Service North Dakota

Bob Olheiser, Deputy State Treasurer - [REPORT PROVIDED]

Presented draft letter as a model for the committee to use when requesting Attorney General's opinion on the status of the Postwar Trust Fund.

Motion by Dakken, second by Rainsberry to approve the letter as written. Discussion followed. Motion and second withdrawn.

Motion by Balzer, second by Litzinger that the committee named at the January meeting meet within the next 20 days and be given the authority to request an Attorney General's opinion. Motion passed.

Bill Peschel, President, County Veterans Service Officers Association

At their Association meeting, the CVSO's voted unanimously to support the three draft bills concerning the Veterans Home. They also approved the first day of the Fall CVSO Conference be spent at the Veterans Home. Mr. Peschel presented Commandant Anderson with a \$1,500 check to cover the group's expenses. Any remaining monies are to go into the Activities Fund.

Joyce Schell - Veterans Home [HANDOUT PROVIDED]

Gave presentation on defibrillator. Veterans Home is requesting PWTF interest monies for two defibrillators.

Cheryl Holmstrom - Veterans Home [REPORT PROVIDED]

Gave report on Veterans Home Activities Fund. Veterans Home is requesting \$24,806 in PWTF interest monies for the Activity Fund.

Commissioner Harkema reported that Willy Warner plans to resign from the committee due to health reasons. Mr. Warner represents the V.V.A. on the Committee. Discussion on procedure to fill vacant terms.

Chairman Moe listed the requests for PWTF monies:

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| 1. | Defibrillators (Veterans Home) | \$3,000 - \$7,000 |
| 2. | Activities Fund (Veterans Home) | \$25,000 |
| 3. | D.A.V. - build garage stall to store D.A.V. vans | \$30,000 |
| 4. | Programming for Grant Program (Department) | \$3,000 |
| 5. | Web page (Department) | \$2,000 |
| 6. | Grant Program | \$50,000 |
| 7. | Reserve Fund | \$50,000 |
| 8. | 1-800 number (Department) | \$1,000 |

Break into sub-committees, with full committee to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

April 20, 2002 8:30 a.m.
Full committee meeting reconvened by Chairman Moe.

Roll call:

Members **PRESENT:**

Paul Aaberg	Gerald Balzer	Larry Dakken
Ken Evenson	Ted Krogen	Joe Litzinger
Tom Rainsberry	Kasey Schmaltz	Joe Schneider
Ken Vatne	Thomas R. Moe	

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Chairman Moe asked for subcommittee reports.

Department of Veterans Affairs subcommittee report by Joe Litzinger, Chairman. [SEE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES] ***Motion by Litzinger to accept report, second by Aaberg. Motion passed unanimously.***

Veterans Home subcommittee report by Paul Aaberg, Chairman. [SEE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES]

Motion by Aaberg to accept report, second by Rainsberry. Motion passes unanimously.

Legislative Council contacted Commandant Anderson about deleting language in NDCC 37-15-10, subsection 4. The change would be, “When a member of the home ~~who is not eligible for veterans’ administration hospitalization and care~~ becomes unable from any cause to care for oneself...”

Motion by Aaberg to approve language change, second by Rainsberry. Motion passes unanimously.

North Dakota State VVA is paying for Chuck Risch and Richard Wimer to attend National Training in Nashville, TN. A letter of thanks will be sent to the VVA.

Coordinating Council requested Commissioner Harkema attend their meeting to discuss Veterans Preference. Discussion on Commissioner’s role to the Council. Consensus of Committee is the Commissioner is to be a resource person to the Council, not tasked to do their work.

Postwar Trust Fund Requests:

Motion by Dakken to allow Job Service to keep surplus of \$18,349, second by Litzinger. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Balzer to obligate \$50,000 of PWTF interest monies to Reserve Account, second by Rainsberry. Motion passes, 6 yeas, 5 nays - Aaberg, Litzinger, Schneider, Vatne, and Moe.

[SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 1].

Motion by Dakken, to obligate \$30,000 to D.A.V. for garage to store two D.A.V. vans, second by Litzinger. Motion fails unanimously.

[SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 2].

Motion by Balzer to obligate \$6,000 for the three requests pertaining to the Department of Veterans Affairs (\$3,000 - programming, \$2,000 - web site, \$1,000 – toll-free number), second by Litzinger. Motion passes unanimously. [SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 3].

Motion by Litzinger to obligate \$50,000 for the Grant Program, second by Balzer. Motion passes, 9 years, 2 nays - Schneider, Vatne. [SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 4].

Commandant Anderson reported that the Health Department has no rule regarding defibrillators. The Veterans Home Medical Director submitted a letter requesting two defibrillators.

Motion by Dakken to obligate up to \$7,000 for the Veterans Home to purchase two defibrillators, second by Rainsberry. Motion passes unanimously. [SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 5].

Motion by Evenson to obligate up to \$25,000 for Veterans Home Activities Fund, to be used as needed, second by Balzer. Motion passes unanimously. [SEE VOTING RECORD, PROPOSAL 6].

Committee requested that the criteria for requests be made available for the July meeting.

Thank you to Paul Aaberg, Ken Evenson, Tom Rainsberry, Joe Schneider and Don Weible for serving on the Administrative Committee. Their terms are up as of July 1, 2002.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Gerald P. Balzer
Secretary

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