

MINUTES

August 10, 2004

1:00pm

**COMFORT INN
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rudy Jenson. Pledge of Allegiance said, followed by moment of silence for POW/MIA's and the men and women serving overseas.

Roll Call:

Members **PRESENT:**

Daryl Beard

Rudy Jenson

Gary Skarphol

Carl Bloomquist

Dean Overby

Paul Smathers

Wally Bolte

Rick Ryan

Dave Vandergon

Larry Dakken

Lyle Schuchard

Bob Volk

Members **ABSENT:**

Wally Buckingham

John Coyne

Orletta Kilen

Veterans Home Budget – Daryl Beard, Interim Chairman [HANDOUTS]

Discussion on budget and optional package. OMB granted an extension, the budget submission date is August 31.

*Motion by Smathers to table action on the Veterans Home budget until the next meeting so someone from the Veterans Home can present the budget, second by Ryan.
Motion passed.*

Veterans Affairs Budget – Cathy Halgunseth, Administrative Assistant

Discussion on two scenerios presented to determine appropriate funding sources for the Department. The committee wants general funds to cover the “off-budget” funding for FTE’s and expenses. The “off-budget” funding is from the Veterans Aid Loan Fund and the Postwar Trust Fund.

Motion by Smathers to approve Budget A, second by Skarphol. Motion passed unanimously. [MOTION #1]

The Department’s optional package will be presented at the next committee meeting.

Strategic Plan Draft – Eric Monson, NOVUS [HANDOUT]

Rick Ryan suggested a “Veterans Bill of Rights” be included in the plan. Chairman Jenson turned over the audit recommendation actions from the committee members for compilation.

Recommendation 3-10 – implemented; all grant applications are sent to the Fargo office for processing.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Submitted by

Rudy Jenson
Chairman

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