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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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MAYVILLE, NORTH DAKOTA

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TUTTLE, NORTH DAKOTA

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11 & 12, 1998 MEETING OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**COMFORT INN  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA**

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

**Roll call, following members PRESENT**

Thomas R. Moe	Dean Bayer	Rick Ryan
Paul Aaberg	Larry Dakken	Ken Evenson
James Johnson	Joseph Litzinger	Rudy Jenson
Thomas Rainsberry	Donald Weible	Kenneth Vatne
Kent Anderson	Rhiny Weber	

following members **ABSENT**  
Gerald P. Balzer

**Others in Attendance**

Commissioner Ray Harkema	Commandant Ken Anderson
Chuck Risch, ND DVA	

Motion by Paul Aaberg to correct minutes of last meeting; on second page change Ken Evenson to Ken Anderson, second by Joe Litzinger. Motion carried.

General Bjerke requested money from Post War Trust Fund interest, need to add one more full-time employee at Veterans Cemetery. \$209,716.00 needed for next biennium.

**SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
KENNETH EVENSON, SUB CHR  
THOMAS RAINSBERRY, VICE-SUB CHR  
DEAN BAYER  
GERALD P. BALZER  
JAMES O. JOHNSON  
JOSEPH LITZINGER  
KENNETH A VATNE

RAY HARKEMA  
COMMISSIONER  
VETERANS AFFAIRS  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

KEN ANDERSON  
COMMANDANT  
VETERANS' HOME  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
VETERANS' HOME**  
PAUL AABERG, SUB CHR  
KENT ANDERSON, VICE-SUB CHR  
LARRY DAKKEN  
RICK RYAN  
RUDY JENSON  
RHINY L. WEBER  
DONALD WEIBLE

M/G KEITH D. BJERKE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

EX OFFICIO  
DOUGLAS M. KENYON  
VA CENTER DIRECTOR

JENNIFER GLADDEN  
JOB SERVICE ND

Ronnie Miller, from Fargo V.A. Medical Center, requested \$60,000 to help run voluntary recreation services.

Ken Anderson, Commandant, talked on Veterans Home budget.

Chairman Thomas Moe talked on changing veterans program folders for the State and on the dates for upcoming meetings.

Ray Harkema, Commissioner, talked on department budget and about receiving \$6,600 from the Bismarck Tribune as a donation. Administrative Committee needs to decide where that money will be used. Also, if the loan rate amount is changed we need it done through legislation.

Chuck Risch talked on complaint from Jim Fail. Mr. Fail was dropped from department representation because he would not go through the appeal process.

4:00 pm — break to subcommittees.

December 12, 1998 9:30 Full Committee Meeting

Roll call, following members **PRESENT**

Thomas R. Moe	Dean Bayer	Rhiny Weber
Larry Dakken	Ken Evenson	Paul Aaberg
James Johnson	Joseph Litzinger	Rudy Jenson
Thomas Rainsberry	Donald Weible	Kenneth Vatne
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Chuck Risch, ND DVA

Ken Evenson gave report on Department of Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. Motion by Ken Evenson to accept report, second by Tom Rainsberry. Motion carries.

Paul Aaberg gave report on Veterans Home Subcommittee. Motion by Paul Aaberg to accept report, second by Rudy Jenson. Motion carries.

Request for Post War Trust Fund interest money:  
Department of Veterans Affairs — Grants  
Adjutant General — Veterans Cemetery  
V.A. Medical Center — Voluntary recreation services

Discussion on how to spend the \$6,600 received from the Bismarck Tribune.

Motion by Joe Litzinger to split \$6,600 between Veterans Home and the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, second by Ken Evenson. Motion carries. Department will use their half to pay for van driver's rooms and new pamphlets. Veterans Home will use theirs for the Gazebo and balance for Christmas fund.

Motion by Ken Evenson, second by Tom Rainsberry to have Commissioner check on new veteran pamphlets. Prices and samples to bring back to next meeting.

Discussed July meeting to be at Veterans Home in Lisbon July 8-9-10, 1999.

Resolution by Jim Johnson commending Gene Kouba for his efforts on soliciting donations from Bismarck Tribune through the Jean Day Program, second by Paul Aaberg. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Joe Litzinger to write letter of support to receive V.A. funds for Veterans Cemetery, second by Tom Rainsberry. Motion carries.

Motion by Ken Evenson to change word from "paid" to "approved" in Grant Program, second by Tom Rainsberry. Motion carries.

Policy currently reads:

Grants are considered issued during the calendar year in which it is *paid*.

Approved change:

Grants are considered issued during the calendar year in which it is *approved*.

Motion by Jim Johnson to grant \$30,000 to Grant Hardship Program, second by Tom Rainsberry. Motion carries — 13 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Motion by Tom Rainsberry to table Veterans Cemetery request, second by Kent Anderson. Motion carries.

Motion by Tom Rainsberry to donate \$30,000 to V.A. Voluntary Services, second by Larry Dakken. Motion carries — 11 Yes 2 No 2 Absent

Chairman Moe talked on Veterans Preference bill.

Motion by Jim Johnson to allow Commissioner to use Attorney General's office to help with veterans preference, second by Tom Rainsberry. Motion carries.

Motion by Tom Rainsberry, second by Paul Aaberg to accept proposed expenditures for 1999-2001 of \$228,003 for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Motion carries — 13 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Motion by Jim Johnson, second by Ken Evenson to adjourn. Motion carries.

Submitted by  
Dean Bayer, Secretary