



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 1994, MEETING OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**LOCATION--CHIEFTAIN MOTEL, CARRINGTON, NORTH DAKOTA
CONVENED AT 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman John Mullen opened meeting at 8:00 A.M. with Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer for POW/MIA.

Following members present: John Mullen, Donald Weible, Paul Aaberg, Kent Anderson, Michael Vandrovec, Joseph O'Brien, Joe Novak, Dean Bayer, Thomas Rainsberry, Kenneth Evenson, James Groven, Suzanne Kime, Gary Hoffman and James Johnson. Absent Al Huber. Also present were Ray Harkema, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and Ken Anderson, Commandant of the Veterans Home.

Meeting opened with discussion on ground rules for presentations on site for Veterans Home in Western North Dakota. Chairman Mullen to introduce each delegation, informing them, they would have 45 minutes for their presentation. Committee members could ask questions of each group following presentation but all presentations would start on time. Chairman Mullen would also announce that there would be no participation or comments from the audience.

Kent Anderson moved that upon completion of all presentations, the committee would ballot and vote for elimination of one city, balloting until one city had been chosen. At that time motion would be in order for an unanimous ballot for the city selected for proposed Western North Dakota Veterans Home. Seconded by Joe Novak. After discussion, motion carried.

Following discussion, committee decided that Chairman Mullen would vote every ballot. Ray Harkema and Ken Anderson would count ballots.

Moved by James Groven that Al Huber's proxy vote would not be counted. Seconded by Suzanne Kime. Carried.

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Chairman Mullen discussed the reason for six site presentation. Mandan was allowed a presentation because there had been a misunderstanding. He, Chairman Mullen, had told Mandan Committee that their packet could be picked up when the visiting committee, inspected sites. Due to inclement weather, the Committee was unable to make the inspection and was postponed for a week, therefore Mandans proposal was late.

Time for scheduled presentations:

10:00 A.M.	Williston
11:00 A.M.	Minot
1:00 P.M.	Dickinson
2:00 P.M.	Garrison
3:00 P.M.	Stanley
4:00 P.M.	Mandan

Following presentations it was moved and seconded that committee recess until 8:00 A.M. Carried. Recessed at 5:15 P.M.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 A.M., Sunday, December 18, 1994.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer for POW/MIA.

Following discussion on presentations, cost of construction—new versus remodeling existing facility—proposed balloting was started. Results of balloting were: Mandan eliminated, Dickinson eliminated, Garrison eliminated, Minot eliminated, Williston eliminated.

Thomas Rainsberry moved that Stanley be selected as the site for the new Western North Dakota Veterans Homes. Second by Kenneth Evenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 A.M. meeting with Coordinating Council.

Chairman Mullen informed committee of letter from Gen Bjerke, of the National Guard, requesting support for two employees to work and provide maintenance at the Veterans Cemetery. This to be budgeted from the General Fund and not from Post War Trust Fund interest.

Moved by Thomas Rainsberry to approve request. Second by Gary Hoffman. Carried.

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Chairman Mullen announced to the Coordinating Council that the Administrative Committee had reached a decision on a site for proposed Western North Dakota Veterans Home and it was Stanley, North Dakota.

Commissioner Harkema and Commandant Anderson discussed their proposed budgets for 95-97. They stated they had just received the budgets from OMB and had not had time to evaluate them in depth but they had been cut below the 95% of 93-95 budget. James Groven moved that Commandant and Commissioner meet with OMB and see about restoring funding to 95% of 93-95 funding. Seconded by Suzanne Kime. Carried.

Moved by Suzanne Kime that a letter written by Chairman Mullen to OMB supporting restoration of budget for Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Home to 95% level of 93-95 budget. Seconded by Dean Bayer. Carried.

Moved by Kent Anderson that meeting adjourn. Seconded by Michael Vandrovec. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Submitted by
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

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