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ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

FEBRUARY 11, 1998<sup>9</sup>

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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
Donald Weible	Kenneth Vatne	Kent Anderson
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following members **ABSENT**:

Gerald P. Balzer                      Thomas Rainsberry

**Others in Attendance**

Commissioner Ray Harkema                      Commandant Ken Anderson  
Chuck Risch, ND DVA

Motion by Joe Litzinger to accept minutes of December 11 & 12, 1998<sup>8</sup> meeting as sent out, second by Paul Aaberg. Motion carried.

B.G. Gangness discussed the Veterans Cemetery.

State Treasurer Kathi Gilmore reported on the Post War Trust Fund.

**SUBCOMMITTEE FOR  
VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
KENNETH EVENSON, SUB CHR  
THOMAS RAINSERRY, 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

Doug Kenyon discussed the V.A. Medical Center.

Jennifer Gladden discussed Job Service North Dakota.

Ray Durkin, Duane Krivarchka, Joe Howell, and Vern Eberly did a presentation on plans for a Veterans Memorial Park in Lisbon. They want to secure 24.9 acres of land that lies adjacent to the N.D. Veterans Home campus by means of a long-term lease.

Legislative report by Bob Hanson and Arnie Maier. They would like to get more information on each budget and copies of testimony.

John Mullen, Chairman of ND Veterans Coordinating Council, talked on Gulf War Syndrome.

3:30 p.m. — Break to Subcommittees

5:00 p.m. — Meet as full committee

**Department of Veterans Affairs subcommittee report** by Ken Evenson. Motion by Ken Evenson to accept report, second by Paul Aaberg. Motion carried.

Ken Vatne introduced legislative member Senator Stanley W. Lyson, Williston.

Motion by Ken Evenson to reappoint Ray Harkema as Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, second by James Johnson. Motion carried.

**Veterans Home subcommittee report** by Paul Aaberg. Motion by Paul Aaberg to accept report, second by Rudy Jenson. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Aaberg to reappoint Ken Anderson as Commandant of the Veterans Home, second by Rudy Jenson. Motion carried.

Motion by Paul Aaberg to approve leasing land to the Veterans Memorial Park in Lisbon if approved by Attorney General's Office. Motion failed, 4 – yes      9 – no,      2 absent

Motion by Joe Litzinger to seek Attorney General's ruling on Veterans Memorial Park in Lisbon then return to full committee for final approval, second by Rick Ryan. Motion carried,  
12 – yes      1 – no      2 absent

Rudy Jenson, Tom Moe, Dean Bayer, and Larry Dakken will meet with Kathi Gilmore Friday morning (Feb. 12, 1999) on Post War Trust Fund.

Motion by Larry Dakken not to approve National Guard's request of \$209,715.53 for Veterans Cemetery, second by Paul Aaberg. Motion carried, 13 – yes            2 absent

Motion by James Johnson to give \$105,000 to National Guard for Veterans Cemetery, second by Ken Evenson. Motion carried, 10 – yes            3 – no            2 absent

Job Service North Dakota is requesting \$63,028 from Post War Trust Fund interest to assist eligible veterans in their efforts to gain substantial employment. The monies will cover the period January 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. Motion by Ken Evenson to give Job Service North Dakota \$63,028 payable by June 30, 1999, second by Rick Ryan. Motion carried, 12 – yes            1 – abstain            2 absent

Next meeting will be July 8, 9, & 10, 1999 at N.D. Veterans Home, Lisbon.

Chairman Moe encouraged members to go to the State Capitol and meet with their legislative members.

Motion by Ken Evenson to adjourn, second by James Johnson. Motion carried.

Submitted by  
Dean Bayer, Secretary

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