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CHAIRMAN
James G. Rosendahl
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Chairman Rosendahl called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. March 30, 1976. Roll call was taken with the following present: Crawford, Gullickson, Habiger, Morris, Novak, Rosendahl, Sloan, Swartz, Ulness, Swafford, Welander. Absent/excused: Groth. Also present: Code, Zander, Gronvold, Noll. Absent: Klecker. Absent/excused: Murry.

Chairman Rosendahl called for the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as transmitted to the membership. Martin Gronvold, Ex-officio member, introduced Art Gilbertson, the newly appointed Employment Security Bureau Veterans' Representative, and explained his responsibilities to the Employment Security veterans' programs in North Dakota.

Mr. Rosendahl discussed renovation plans of \$50,000 for the Soldiers' Home and indicated there is no detail at the present time, but that they will need sealed bids and consultation with the Veterans Administration representative prior to final implementation.

Commandant Code cited some \$1,500 from the Forty & Eight was available in case of excessive estimates on bids which will be received for the project, and indicated that the bids will so be drawn that they will afford alternate bids which can be utilized if necessary.

Mr. Swartz indicated that his review of the Soldiers' Home indicated a need for carpeting, but added that if it appeared too costly and out of the picture, that the installation at least

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needed handrails. It was estimated that floor tile costs were four times more to maintain than carpeting, and both pros and cons of carpeting followed in the resulting discussion.

Mr. Gilbertson of the North Dakota Job Service, Employment Security Bureau, discussed the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, and handed out informational pamphlets to be taken home by the members present.

Mr. Welander moved a resolution to the Coordinating Council to approve the Burdick Bill to extend veterans' education rights on a continuing basis. This was seconded by member Swartz and carried.

The meeting was adjourned to sub-committee meetings at 9:50 a.m.

The full Committee reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Russell Crawford of the Department of Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee, reported on the activities of that meeting. The minutes of that meeting are attached hereto.

Mr. Welander reported on the Soldiers' Home Sub-Committee meeting, and the minutes of that meeting are also attached hereto.

It was determined that two sub-committee chairmen of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Soldiers' Home, and the Vice Chairman of each Committee, will consult Richard Espeland of the Central Personnel Division to discuss the slotting within the payroll which was accomplished by Mr. Espeland's Division prior to the last Legislative session, and resulted in the pay grade being assigned Mr. Zander.

Some consultation will be necessary as the salaries of the next biennium must be added to the budget; however, it was the consensus of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs that they not be deprived of their statutory right to determine the salaries of the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as the commandant of the Soldiers' Home, and would merely seek suggestions from Mr. Espeland as a resource to provide the A.C.O.V.A. with additional information on which to make its recommendations to the 1977 Legislature.

Mr. Welander reported on the Jamestown sub-committee meeting of the Special Committee on the Soldiers' Home Expansion. Jim Welder of the North Dakota Soldiers' Home presented a report on the home addition and it was the consensus of the total Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs that expansion of domiciliary care would be in order, which concept was put in the form of a motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Habiger, and after considerable discussion, was unanimously accepted by the members of the Council present.

A special thanks was voted by the members present, to Jim Welder of the North Dakota Soldiers' Home for the tremendous amount of work that was involved in the preparation of and assistance he provided in the accumulation of information relative to the expansion of the Soldiers' Home which is being contemplated.

A future meeting of the full Committee of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs for the period April - June 1976, was left at the call of a Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Novak".

Joe Novak
Secretary