

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

MINUTES
March 21, 2001

Comfort Inn Suites
Bismarck, North Dakota

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

Roll Call, following members PRESENT:

Paul Aaberg	Kent Anderson	Larry Dakken
Rudy Jenson	Joe Litzinger	Tom Rainsberry
Rick Ryan	Kasimir Schmaltz	Joe Schneider
Ken Vatne	Wilbert Warner	Don Weible
Thomas Moe		

Following members ABSENT:

Gerald Balzer Ken Evenson

Others in Attendance"

Commissioner Ray Harkema Commandant Ken Anderson
Veterans Service Officers BJ Brizil & Ron Berg

Chairman Tom Moe reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting mailed out. *Motion by Paul Aaberg to approve minutes as mailed, seconded by Tom Rainsberry, motion carried.*

Report by Paul Aaberg on Lisbon Rural Water request for easement for crossing property at the Veterans Home. Noted that easements that cross State property to be reviewed by Board and the Attorney Generals approval for \$1.00 to be forwarded to the Governor for approval. *Motion by Paul Aaberg to approve, seconded by Willie Warner, motion carried.*

Commissioner Ray Harkema reported on Post War Trust Fund. He noted that there is a new employee at the Treasurers Office, Bob Ohliser and he will meet with the committee at the May meeting to review our portfolio. Recommendation for members to note questions on Trust Fund and forward them to Ray so he can pass them onto Bob to review before the meeting.

Report from Commandant Ken Anderson on Veterans Home on going projects and activities. Noted that Rudy Jenson sent in article for the Veterans Home Scuttlebutt.

Commissioner Ray Harkema reported on activities at the Veterans Administration Office. Ron Berg spoke briefly on the training session held for Veterans Service Officers. Chuck Risch reported on Veterans benefits. Chuck noted the letter to Mr. Doug Kenyon on vacancy on Rating Board. *Joe Litzinger moved that previous action on sending recommendation letter be revoked because position had been filled, seconded by Rudy Jenson, motion carried.*

Commissioner Ray passed out Legislative Update and member list of the Human Resources Division and gave report.

Commandant Ken reported on the National Veterans Home Convention in Washington. He also read his testimony to the board that he will be presenting tomorrow to the House Standing Committee.

Motion by Joe Litzinger to pay \$25,000 of requested money as it become available for two replacement vans, seconded by Rick Ryan, motion carried.

Recommendation to send Administrative Committee meeting notice to the President of the County Veterans Service Officer Association to encourage their participation.

Noted next meeting on Thursday and Friday the 3rd and 4th of May at the Veterans Home. It was recommended to contact Bernie Wagner, Veterans Home Ombudsman, of this meeting. Reminded members that whose terms are up to see that appointments get in for their positions.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by

Don Weible
Secretary