

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Minutes of Meeting
American Legion Club Rooms
Fargo, ND

May 24, 1982
1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by chairman Earnest Schmit. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Schmit, Helm, Remmick, Haykel, Rosendahl, Peterson, Zander, Code, Gathman, Doherty, Henderson, Hilleboe, Severson, and Wagner.

Absent Excused: Gen Murry, Godke and Lick.

Guest: Keith Kiser

Minutes of the November 19, 1981 meeting were read and approved as read.

General Murry has extended an invitation to the ACVA to meet at Camp Grafton July 14th and 15th 1982 with the Veterans Coordinating Council- Meeting to start at 1:30PM. Chairman, Schmit asked for discussion on the Camp Grafton meeting in July. The committee agreed that this being the reorganization meeting it would be reason for the full ACVA to attend.

Minot Air Force Hospital Report: Joe Novak and Bill Williamson are to check the deed of land and the possibility of using the facility for nursing home or expanded and higher level domiciliary care. Seems the Minot Elks purchased the land and donated it to the Veterans. The deed cannot be found at this time. There were originally 40 beds set aside for Veterans, however at this point there are only 9 Veterans in the facility.

The following ACVA members were appointed, Charles Godke, VFW, ED Remmick, Am Legion, Jack Hilleboe, DAV, and Floyd Henderson, WWI. To serve with the Department Adjutants on the study committee for possible change in location and operations of the ND Department of Veterans' Affairs.

At 2:00 PM. Chairman Schmit recessed the meeting so the sub-committees could meet separately to conduct their business.

The full Committee reconvened at 4:00 PM.

Reports of Sub-Committees:

Chairperson, Gayle Doherty reported on the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs sub-committee meeting. Gayle stated that this would be her last meeting, as DAV representative can serve (2) three year terms and her time is up. She said it was a worth while experience and thanked everyone she served with.

Chairman, Pete Helm reported on the soldiers home sub-committee meeting. He reported the sub-committee approved the salary for Code for the 1983-85 bienium at 9% increase for each year of the bienium. Minutes of sub-committee meetings will be mailed to the membership. Commissioner Zanders salary schedule for the 2nd ½ of the 1981-83 bienium was discussed. Motion was made by Jack Hilleboe and seconded by Gayle Doherty to approve the salary schedule as set forth to comply with the Governors Guide lines. Motion carried.

Changes in Soldiers Home Laws #37-15-02 "Object of Soldiers' Home" and #37-15-10 "Admittance to Soldiers' Home" were discussed. Bernard Wagner moved, Jack Hilleboe seconded to accept the changes in laws #37-15-02 and #37-15-10. Motion carried.

Floyd Henderson moved, Ed Remmick seconded the motion for the approval of the Soldiers' Home Committee's work on it's budget. Motion carried.

Chairman, Schmit will check with Attorney General on name change from ND Soldiers' Home to ND Veterans' Home. ✓

Discussion on DVA commissioners salary for the 1983-85 bienium. Pete Helm moved, Jack Hilleboe seconded the motion that the commissioners salary be 10% + 2% merit for each year of the bienum. Upon voting, motion carried.

There being no other business meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Further discussions were held on the salary increase at an impromptu meeting in West Fargo on Saturday, June 5th. Of eight members at the convention, seven were at the meeting, Ed Haykel aparently didn't get the word due to the sudden decision to get together. Schmit, Rosendahl, LaMont, Godke, Wagner, Helm, and Henderson did meet.

Concerns over the inconsistent actions taken in regards to the salaries of Zander and Code during the above meeting of ACOVA prompted the dicision to sit down and talk about the issue again.

After considerable discussion, Rosendahl suggested the full committee amend the actions of the sub-committee and recommend salary increases of 9% + 2% merit increases for each of the two years of the 1983-85 bienum for both Zander and Code. This was unanimously agreed upon and will be brought before the Committee for a final action at the July 14th-15th meeting.

Zander and Code were present and in agreement with the change.



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