

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 1992, MEETING OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LOCATION--VFW CLUB, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
CONVENED AT 1:05 PM.

Meeting called by Chairman Bernard Wagner at 1:05 pm. Chairman Wagner opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer for POW/MIA.

Roll call held. Vandrovec and Kime absent. All other members present. Frank Gathman, Commandant, ND Veterans Home; Milt Kane, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs; Ken Anderson, Asst. Commandant Veterans Home; Dennis Mock, representing Job Service; Joe Novak, Legislative Representative ND Veterans Coordinating Council also present.

Minutes of July 8 & 9 meeting read and approved. Gene "Skip" Wing reported he did not receive notice of his appointment until three days following July 8 meeting.

Chairman Wagner read letter from Douglas Kenyon, Director, US Department of Veterans Affairs, stating he would be unable to attend meeting. Chairman Wagner commented on books on structure of Coordinating Council and Administrative Committee that had been handed out. Milt Kane commented on his tour of Veterans Home with Douglas Kenyon, Director of USDVA Center.

Meeting recessed at 1:45 pm so sub committees could meet. Suzanne Kime present at this time.

Meeting reconvened at 5:00 pm.

Chuck Godke reported for Veterans Home Committee.

Godke moved to increase rent residents at Veterans Home pay, \$80.00 per month, effective 1-1-93. Second by Ziegler, Carried.

Godke moved to seek permission from the Legislature to construct a 60 bed domiciliary care unit Veterans Home in Western North Dakota in 1994-1995. Second by Hass. Carried.

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LOCATION--LEGION CLUB, MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA  
CONVENED AT 1:00 PM.

Chairman Wagner called meeting at 1:00 pm.

Roll call, all members present with exception of Vandrovec.

Report by sub committee on Veterans Affairs Chairman Crowfeather.

Moved by Godke that a Hardship Fund be established in amount of \$20,000.00 for extreme emergency cases. Limit of \$500.00 per request. Money to come from interest on Veterans Post War Trust Fund. This to be two year Pilot Program to begin 1-1-93. Second by Mullen. Carried.

Moved by Bohn that a Legal Aid Fund be established in the amount of \$25,000 for Attorney Fees for Veterans filing Veterans Preference cases. Money to come from interest earned on Veterans Post War Trust Fund. Second by Ziegler. Carried.

Moved by Balzer, second by Streed to approve Veterans Affairs sub committee report. Carried.

Godke reported for Veterans Home sub committee.

Godke moved to seek legislative approval for a loan from Veterans Post War Trust Fund to build a 20 bed nursing home addition to Lisbon Veterans Home and to build a 60 bed Veterans Home in Western North Dakota. This construction to be done with Federal Matching Funds. Second by Huber. Carried.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

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Godke moved that permission be sought from the Legislature to construct a new residence for Veterans Home Commandant, Second by Balzer. Carried.

Godke moved that Commandant's salary be increased to \$42,000.00 effective 1-1-93. Seconded by Ziegler. Carried.

Huber moved to accept Veterans Home report. Second by Mullen, carried.

Milton Kane reported for Veterans Affairs sub committee Chairman Crowfeather.

Moved by Godke that sections 37-24, 37-25, 54-17-1 and any other sections of Blue Book that are outdated and no longer in effect be dropped from Blue Book. Second by Kime. Carried.

Moved by Hass that criteria be written to define eligibility for hardship grants; and that brochure listing ND services for veterans be photocopy ready by 1-1-93. Included in motion was that should Commissioner Kane be unable to get money from interest on Post War Fund to pay legal bills defending Veterans Preference law; sub committee meet with Attorney General, State Treasurer, OMB and Emergency Commission all together. Second by Godke. Carried.

Moved by Balzer to approve Veterans Affairs report. Second by Ziegler. Carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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