

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
Interim Study Committee
Minutes-September 10, 1971
First James River Bank
Jamestown, North Dakota

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Wagner.

Present were: James G. Rosendahl, Joe Novak, Clarence Welander, Arthur E. Ulness, Bernard A. Wagner, Earnest N. Schmit, Lloyd F. Zander, and Charles M. Code.

Chairman Wagner outlined general purpose of meeting. Also outlined plans for October 29-30 meeting at North Dakota Soldier's Home in Lisbon.

General discussion was held as to over-all end results hoped for from the meetings of the two sub-committees.

Lloyd F. Zander, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, explained his budget and general duties of the Department.

Charles M. Code, Commandant, North Dakota Soldier's Home, explained the Soldier's Home operation and expressed desire for more policy and goals decisions.

Importance of close liaison with the Governor's Office discussed. It was pointed out that copies of all minutes, correspondence are sent to Mr. Art McKinney for information purposes.

At 10:30 a.m. the sub-committees met separately to discuss areas of concern.

Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs

James G. Rosendahl
Joe Novak
Earnie Schmit
Lloyd F. Zander

Sub-Committee on Soldiers Home

Clarence Welander
Arthur Ulness
Bernard Wagner
Charles M. Code

After working through the lunch hour, sub-committees reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Following reports given on actions and procedures to be presented to full Committee on October 29th:

VETERANS AFFAIRS - Joe Novak, Secretary, reported:

- Suggestions for: improving communications with County Commissioners.
- Suggestions for: improving communications with County Service Officers.
- Revise regulations regarding Veterans Aid Loans to staff members.
- Rewrite and formalize regulations regarding Veteran's Aid Loans to veterans having had more than one loan.
- Administrative matters (adopt Governor's Policy on personnel practices)

- Recommendation to North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council to amend law to specify some sort of service to veterans in each county.
- Development of guidelines for re-employment rights and appeals.
- Meeting to be scheduled with Attorney General's Office to establish legal understandings in regard to above matters.

SOLDIERS HOME - Clarence Welander, Chairman, reported:

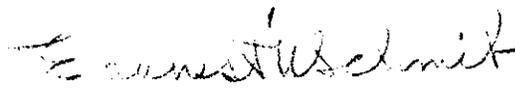
Suggestions for:

- Change name to North Dakota Veteran's Home
- Revision of booklet - Laws Governing Admission Rules and Regulations
- New title for Soldier's Home Committee.
- Maintenance charge for members.
- Changes in Application for Entry forms.
- Other matters for good of the Home.

Motion made to express thanks to First James River National Bank for providing facilities for meeting. Letter written to Mr. Blaise Johnson on September 13, 1971.

As mentioned above, the full Committee is scheduled to meet in Lisbon, with the Coordinating Council, on Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30. In order to reserve housing at the only motel, we need to know how many will attend. Would you please drop me a note indicating your plan. We are arranging a pleasant evening at the "Stake-Out" on Friday-- should be fun!!

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


Ernest N. Schmit
Secretary