

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS COORDINATING COUNCIL
American Legion Clubrooms
Fargo, North Dakota
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Disabled American Veterans
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This meeting was called to order by President Greg Seurer at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance were:

AMERICAN LEGION

Howard Erickson, Dept. Cmdr.
Vern Useldinger, Dept. Adj.
Harry Moore, Pub. Chairman

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Greg Seurer, NSO & Council Pres.
Robert Hannah, Dept. Adj. & Council Sec.

AMVETS

Dennis Thomson, Dept. Cmdr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lloyd Zander, Commissioner, Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Jack Hilleboe, Chairman, Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs
Lee Lamb, Claims Representative, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

President Greg Seurer addressed the members present as to why this meeting was called. He stated that the Council would have to take a more active role in all matters pertaining to the Council which was brought about because of the Council no longer having Bill Williamson as our Executive Director, who coordinated all matters pertaining to the Veterans Coordinating Council in the past.

Greg also suggested that the President of the Coordinating Council and Secretary be elected from the same organization. He felt this would make it easier for the two officers to work together in preparing the Agenda and setting the overall program for future meetings.

It was further stated that we should at this meeting go over the responsibilities of the Executive Director of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council and how a liaison and support could be provided to the Council and the Council's Legislative Committee by the Department of Veterans Affairs with a person so named from that Department.

After further discussion, Dennis Thomson moved that we present to the members at our next regular meeting the question of both the President and Secretary when elected be from the same veterans organization. This motion was seconded by Vern Useldinger and carried.


Lloyd Zander, Commissioner, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, stated that Lee Lamb, Claims Representative in his Department would be the person who would be commuting weekly from their office in Fargo to Bismarck commencing October 1, 1984. It was estimated that the total expenses over a period of nine months would be in the neighborhood of \$ 7,200.00. No one had the information as to where this expense money was going to come from, because at this particular time the Department of Veterans Affairs is working on a very tight budget through 1984. It was suggested that this matter could be worked out and that more information would be available on this at our next meeting.

It was felt that by taking into consideration the letter that came to Jack Hilleboe as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs from the Attorney General's Office in Bismarck, that more of the so called director's duties as related to the Veterans Coordinating Council and Legislative Committee could be handled by the Department of Veterans Affairs or a person so designated by that office to perform those duties as Research Committee for the good of the veteran and his dependent here in North Dakota which we all represent.

It was further stated that all organizations should have their Legislative Committees formed by the date of our next meeting which was set up for October 29 and 30, 1984 at Jamestown, ND. The dates of November 1 and 2, 1984, which were presented and approved at our meeting held in Devils Lake, in July, were cancelled because some of the organizations were having problems with other commitments set up for that period of time.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

GREGORY A. SEURER
PRESIDENT



ROBERT HANNAH
SECRETARY