

**North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council  
February 24, 1993**

Roll call was taken and was complete.

Glen Maurer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Dean Bayer seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Dave Schmidt made a motion to accept the treasurer's report of the previous meeting. Mike Dobmeier seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Agency Reports:**

Frank Gathman; ND Veterans Home

Frank Gathman briefed on the numbers of bed vacancies and filled beds at the Veterans home.

Reported that VETS interviews next week for director's position.

Dennis Mock; Job Service

North Dakota led the nation in service to Disabled Vets and was third in service to Vietnam Vets and other Vets.

Discussion was held on testimony led by Joe Smith.

Shelly Warner; Executive Director of the ND Long Term Care Assoc. Shelly shared reasons as to why they opposed the building of a nursing facility in western North Dakota. The main reason for their position of limited nursing home expansion was because our state is highly institutionalized. Shelly also talked about the new law coming into affect July 1, 1993. Legislation states that unless you are 95% occupied in your nursing home, they will limit reimbursement to you. Discussion, questions, and suggestions were given about the issues of expanding and the building of nursing homes for veterans.

Dave Schmidt made a motion to support legislative action to resurrect 20 bed nursing home addition to Lisbon. A second was made by Jim Evenson. The motion was passed.

Discussion was held on SB 2520. Mike Dobmeier moved that the group strongly oppose 2520 as amended. Dave Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Discussion was held on HCR 3019 and led by Joe Smith. Nothing was put on the table to either support or oppose the bill. SB 2168 was mentioned but there was no discussion held on the bill.

It was suggested that Milt Kane testify at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 1993, for SB 2009 and at 10:00 a.m. that same day for SB 2520.

SB 2272 was mentioned but no discussion was held.

Discussion was held on HB 1389. Dave Schmidt made a motion to reaffirm the previous stand. Robert Evans seconded the motion. The motion was passed. A second motion was made by Dave Schmidt to oppose any movement made to take the Bonus from the Trust Fund. A second was made by Robert Evans. The motion passed.

Milt Kane

A letter was read that was sent to Milt Kane by a man concerning HCR 3032. Discussion was held on the letter and the bill.

Much discussion was held on SB 2091, SB 2272, and SB 4048.

Mike Dobmeier motioned to approve the position paper as amended. 2nd by Ken Evenson, passed.

SB 2520 Dobmeier, motion to draw up a position paper opposing SB 2520 in favor of HB 3019, with signatures of the Dept. Commanders. 2nd by Evenson, passed.

SB 2374 - Compensation for conservators. A motion by Dean Bayer to oppose, 2nd by Schmidt, passed.

HB 1007 - Jerome Krejci made motion to support restoring \$109,122 to the National Guard budget, 2nd by Schmidt, passed.

It was decided to hold our next meeting on March 11, 12, 1993. Motion by Evenson to adjourn 2nd by Bayer, passed.

Due to a sudden change in legislative action the next meeting was held in late February with those present testifying on the various bills being heard in committee. The March meeting was postponed until the re-organizational meeting in July. It was decided to have the secretary and the chairman of the Administrative Committee plan the meeting dates.

As directed by the Council the meeting was scheduled for July 10, 11, 1993 at the Chieftan Ledge in Carrington.