

JANUARY 27, 1993

President Earl Redlin called the meeting to order. Organization roll call was taken and showed all present. The first item of business was HB 1108. Milt Kane handed out copies of the bill noting that it was introduced at the request of the N.D. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Milt suggested that we amend HB 1108 by removing reference to promotions. Discussion followed. A copy of HCR 3019 was read.

A motion by Ray Atol, Cmdr. American Legion to withdraw HB 1108 and support HCR 3019, 2nd offered by Dave Schmidt, American Legion. Motion failed. Elmer Ekren, AmVets offered a motion to accept HB 1108, keeping the changes in Section 1, and withdraw the balance of the bill. 2nd by Ken Evenson, AmVets, Discussion followed, motion failed.

Ken Evenson, AmVets, motioned to accept and support HB 1108 as presented with the amendments as presented by Milt Kane, 2nd by Dean Bayer, VFW, passed. It was noted that Milt Kane, Glenn Maurer, Dean Bayer, and Mike Dobmeier are scheduled to testify.

SB 2272. Frank Gathman presented the bill for discussion. Ken Evenson, AmVets, motion to oppose SB 2272, 2nd Bob Evans, DAV, failed. Dave Schmidt, American Legion motion for the Council to go on record to support SB 2272, if given a choice, but urging preference needs to be in the Western part of the state as priority, and not in direct opposition to SB 2272, 2nd Dean Bayer, VFW, failed. Much discussion followed. With no consensus the meeting was adjourned.

JANUARY 28, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Redlin. Organization roll call was taken, showing all present. A motion by Ray Stelmachuk, VFW, to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Dave Schmidt, American Legion, passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: is as follows: Checking account balance \$1934.58. Motion by Dave Schmidt to accept oral report and have a written report to accompany the minutes, 2nd by Glenn Maurer, passed. Evans brought up the postage cost of sending Legislative updates to the Council members and the Administrative Committee members. Ray Stelmachuk motioned to approve this practice, 2nd by Elmer Ekren, AmVets, passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: none.

AGENCY REPORTS: Chairman Bernie Wagner introduced Commissioner Milt Kane. His comments were about the aid program that will hopefully start soon.

Frank Gathman- Veterans Home: The Domiciliary side has a few openings. The Nursing Home side is full with 51 on the waiting list. He commented on the painting project, which is

growing. The Centennial program scheduled for August 7th is progressing and support is growing.

VETS: Marlys Schueler, She reported that Leo's replacement should be in place by April 1st. She thanked all the organizations that wrote letters urging the replacement be chosen ASAP.

DEPT. OF VA: Douglas Kenyon Center Director commented on the upcoming eligibility reforms. He noted that the claims processing time has improved. The co-location of the Regional office should start in the spring. The screening process is going along for the Chief of Staff. The Associate Director has been named she is Diane Walton. The center budget is in the red, but not as bad as in past. He noted that the Butt Hut has been canceled. There will probably be a scaled down version approved later.

NDCVSO: Dennis Berg commented that the spring training conference is scheduled for March in Bismarck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Legislative- Milt Kane reported that HB 1108 was testified on this AM. earlier he testified on the opposition of HB 1090. HCR 3019 was discussed. SB 2520 was read in detail. Discussion followed. Dave Schmidt, American Legion, Motion to oppose SB 2520 NDVCC go on record supporting HCR 3019 for the interim study. 2nd by Mike Dobmeier, discussion followed. Motion passed.

ND NATIONAL GUARD: Gen. McDonald offered comments on the Guard budget, noting that appropriations look the same as Bush's. He commented on the state appropriations to staff one FTE for the cemetery.

Questions were raised on how wording was put into the legislation that was introduced. Dave Schmidt, American Legion, motion that the Legislative Committee be instructed to provide the NDVCC copies of legislation and information immediately after drafting them. 2nd Ken Evenson, AmVets, motion passed.

President Earl discussed problem with OMB in regard to the Post War Trust Fund use for general budgets of the Vets Home and Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Home HB 2009 Capitol improvements, appropriations increasing 5 FTE, purchase of equipment.

SB 2091- 20 bed expansion for the Veterans Home NCU. with emergency clause.

SB 2092- 60 bed free standing NCU for Western North Dakota. with emergency clause.

SB 2272- Grafton proposal.

Persian Gulf Bonus: Gene Kuba commented on the bonus as written, \$100 per month in theater. The hearing is scheduled

for 02-05-93 at 9:00 am. Ray Stelmachuk voiced concern about the 10 years of service barring receipt of the bonus.

The transportation program was discussed. It was noted that Milt's understanding that the Trust Fund monies could be used to purchase a van. He was asked to check into this possibility. The meeting was convened until Friday AM.

January 29, 1993

The meeting was called to order by President Earl. HB 1389 was discussed. Maj. Helgeson of the National Guard was present to go through the bill. Period of service: set by the D.O.D. The bill was discussed in detail. Questions were asked. Dave Schmidt, American Legion, Motion to seek an amendment to HB 1389 to extend the period of service of Persian Gulf period to date to be determined by the Federal Government, 2nd by Mike Dobmeier, DAV, passed. Motion by Dave Schmidt, A.L., Seek an amendment to change the definition of resident by removing reference to 10 year active duty., 2nd by Jim Groven, DAV, passed. Motion by Dave Schmidt, A.L., seek an amendment to change the closing date of application from 12-31-93 to 06-30-95. 2nd Elmer Ekren, AmVets, passed. Dave Schmidt, AL, Motion that the NDVCC support HB 1389 with requested amendments, 2nd by Ken Evenson, Amvets. passed.

Ray Atol, A.L. Motion for the NDVCC to go on record opposing the lift of the ban on Gays in Military Service. 2nd by Ken Evenson, Amvets, passed.

TIME & PLACE: the next meeting is scheduled for March 11-12, 1993 for the Seven Seas Motel. Everyone was urged to call and write opposing SB 2520.

Motion by Ken Evenson, Amvets, to adjourn, 2nd by Elmer Ekren, Amvets, passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
QUARTER ENDING JAN. 22, 1993

OPENING BALANCE 07-01-92\$ 1259.86

INCOME

AMERICAN LEGION	\$506.25	
AMVETS	\$281.25	
VFW	281.25	
DAV	\$337.50	
VVA ND.....	\$150.00	
INTEREST.....	\$33.22	
MISC.	\$20.00	<u>1609.47</u>

Total.....\$ 2869.33

EXPENSES

1ST INT. BANK (CHECKS).....	\$9.36	
SECRETARIAL SERVICES	\$150.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$44.20	
FAX SERVICES	\$8.00	
JOE NOVAK (PHONE & POSTAGE).....	\$17.67	
POSTAGE	\$163.40	
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$130.00	
N.D. LEG. COUNCIL	\$200.00	
ND MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOC.....	\$42.49	
EARL REDLIN (TRAVEL & PHONE).....	\$111.63	
MISC.....	\$000.00	<u>\$876.75</u>

Bank Balance JAN.22, 1993 \$ 1992.58

TOTAL BANK ASSETS \$1992.58

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

ROBERT L. EVANS
SECRETARY/ TREASURER