

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Minutes of Informal Meeting

November 13, 14, 1978

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Valley City, North Dakota

After first meeting with members of the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council, the members of the N. D. Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs met separately, in an adjoining room, to informally discuss matters of interest and concern to the Administrative Committee. For the record, it is pointed out that this was an informal, unofficial meeting, occasioned by the fact that a winter storm prevented some members of the Committee from being in attendance and therefore due to a lack of a quorum, no official action could be taken on subjects presented. Chairman Rosendahl asked that Lloyd Zander record the minutes of the informal meeting for the record and information of those who found it impossible to attend.

Chairman Rosendahl called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. Attending the informal meeting were: Rosendahl; Morris; Severson; Wagner; Art Gilbertson (representing Therman Kaldahl); Code; Welder; Kiser (from DVA) and Zander. Groth was present for the meeting the following morning.

Rosendahl observed that Orville Gullickson had never missed a meeting of the Administrative Committee since its inception and that he would have been present except for the bad weather.

Rosendahl asked Zander to report on any matters that should be brought to the attention of the Committee. Subjects presented were:

- (a) That Crawford and Gullickson, together with Keith Kiser of the DVA, accompanied Zander to the State Capitol on July 11, 1978, for the DVA Budget hearing before the Office of the Executive Budget Analyst.
- (b) Copies of the pertinent aspects of the DVA budget for the coming biennium as submitted to Bismarck, were handed out to those present and explained.

At this point the ND Veterans Coordinating Council asked Zander to join them in the next room and give his report on DVA activities to the Council. The following Committee minutes were recorded by Jim Welder:

Charles M. Code gave his report to the Committee. Bid letting for construction on the addition to the Home was held on October 31, 1978. The Subcommittee was pleased with the results of the bidding. Mr. Code then asked Jim Welder to review handouts on the cost of the new addition and remodeling projects. Recommendation by Jim Morris, second by Stanley Severson, that the Administrative Committee recommend to the Coordinating Council that the additional funds needed for the remodeling project be obtained from the general fund for the State's share. Recommendation carried unanimously.

Jim Morris recommended that the Administrative Committee authorize the Soldiers Home Subcommittee to accept or reject the bids after approval is received from the Veterans Administration. Recommendation carried unanimously. Bernie Wagner recommended that the Administrative Committee adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p. m.


Tuesday morning - November 14, 1978:

Chairman Rosendahl reconvened the informal discussions from the previous day so that Zander could complete his report on DVA activities. For the purpose of brevity, only the topics discussed are shown.

- Results of survey of mill levy being levied by counties for operation of office of County Service Officers.
- Fall Training Conference of County Service Officers at Fargo VA Center on October 27th.
- Status of Veterans Aid Loan Program
- Microfiche index and reader loaned to DVA by Department of Defense
- DVA acted as counsel for two audio visual hearings before traveling Army Discharge Review Board.
- Letter DVA received from Governor's Office on input for Governor's "State of The State" message.
- Meeting with Ransom County Commissioners to screen applicants for new Service Officer position.
- New County Service Officer at Wahpeton - Milton P. Sletten (Richland County).
- Bart Ludwig appointed new County Service Officer at New Rockford (Eddy County).
- Vernon Johnson appointed new County Service Officer at Hillsboro (Traill County).
- Thorson of DVA staff helps out in Burleigh County during illness of Earl Boyd.

-- Ladwig of DVA staff assists in Ransom County (Lisbon) until Service Officer appointed.

Informal meeting adjourned to again meet with meeting of ND Veterans Coordinating Council.


Lloyd Zander