

**NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS HOME
LISBON, NORTH DAKOTA
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

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**DATE/TIME: Friday, March 16, 2007 @ 11:30 AM. LOCATION: Veterans Home – Administration Office MEETING: X Regular __ Special
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by Chairman, Norris Braaten @ 11:30 AM Quorum __ Yes __ No:**

Membership: Norris Braaten, Chairman Daryl Beard Brad Maasjo Darrol Schroeder DuWayne Ternes

Members Absent: Jerry Meske, Vice Chairman Orletta Kilen

OTHERS PRESENT BY INVITATION:

**NDVH Administrator-Mark B. Johnson Accounting Manager-Kristin Lunneborg Executive Secretary-Margie Ourenhagen
A.C.O.V.A. Chairman-Rudy Jenson The Honorable United States Senator-Byron Dorgan**

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTION
1. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of silence for POW/MIA requested by Chairman.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman called for the Pledge of Allegiance to be recited, followed by a moment of silence for the POW/MIA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAR (No Action Required)
2. Roll Call: Recording Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call by recording secretary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum was present
3. Welcome: Chairman-Norris Braaten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman welcomed Board Members and Guest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAR (No Action Required)
4. Approval of Governing Board Minutes: Chairman-Norris Braaten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Meeting-January 11, 2007 • Special Meeting Conference Call Feb. 01, 2007 • Conference Call-March 6, 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman called for additions/corrections/motion to accept the minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made by Daryl Beard, seconded by Darrol Schroeder to accept the January 11, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. • Motion made by Daryl Beard, seconded by DuWayne Ternes to accept the February 01, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. • Motion made by Darrol Schroeder, seconded by Daryl Beard to accept the March 06, 2007 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval/Conflict of Interest of Agenda Items Chairman-Norris Braaten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Braaten questioned if any Board Members have a conflict of interest with any agenda items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No members declared a conflict of interest. • Motion was made by Darrol Schroeder, seconded by Daryl Beard to approve the agenda items as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

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<p>6. New Facility – Bed Capacity 150 bed vs. 121 bed capacity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Appropriations Subcommittee took action on HB 1007 and referred this bill back to the House of Representatives for concurrence. The formula designed in the 1960’s will allow the Federal VA to reimburse 65 % of the 121 beds. We currently are licensed for 150 beds. Should we build the 121 beds, we would have four years to put the other 29 beds into place or we will lose them. • The vision is that drawings for the new facility would start in 2007, construction start in 2008 and hopefully opening sometime in 2009. • The question was asked when the four years countdown starts on the 29 beds. The possibility of using these beds to build another home in the western part of the state was discussed. • Discussion was held on the intent to seek legislative authority to issue revenue bonds to build the remaining 29 beds. • Discussed the three options to present to the Legislator. The basic package discussed was to accept building a 121 bed facility in Lisbon with three additional optional packages. (1.) To continue to strive for the Federal VA reimbursement to be raised to 150 beds within four years; (2.) Pursue state general funding for the additional 29 beds; (3) a revenue bond issue to be paid by the Veterans Home from increased revenue from the 29 beds. • Brad Maasjo’s point paper on new construction issues for the North Dakota Veterans Home was discussed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A delayed bill will be written to address the 6.5 million dollars for the 121 bed facility. • Motion was made by Brad Maasjo, seconded by Darrol Schroeder for the governing board’s position on the delayed bill to be that we support replacement of the 150 beds that we are currently licensed for and that we offer alternative options if the anticipated federal support doesn’t materialize so that we can maintain a reasonable purchase level not dropping below the 121 beds that we are assured of. Motion carried unanimously. • Motion was made by Brad Maasjo, seconded by Darrol Schroeder to amend the initial motion that we support in delayed entry bill replacement of the 150 beds we are licensed for and support alternatives that are requested. Motion carried unanimously.

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7. The Honorable United States Senator Byron Dorgan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will tour the facility and conduct a public meeting following this Governing Board meeting. 	
8. ACOVA Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: April 20 & 21, 2007 • Location: Bismarck Comfort Suites • Time: Friday @ 1:00 pm; Sat. @ 8:30 am 	Administrator Johnson & Chairman, Norris Braaten will attend.
9. Next Meeting – Governing Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: • Location: Lisbon Veterans Home • Time: 10:30 am 	Next meeting will be set by the Chairman.
10. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion was made by Daryl Beard, seconded by DuWayne Ternes to adjourn this meeting and set the next meeting date by the call of the Chairman. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned.
11. Signature of Administrator		/s/ Mark B. Johnson Mark B. Johnson, Administrator