

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the
MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION
Held, pursuant to notice
Wednesday, October 1, 2008 — 1:00 PM
Holiday Inn Executive Center, Polo Room, 2200 – I-70 S.W.,
Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Roll Call
In Attendance: Chair Joseph Frank, Vice Chair Bernadette Miller,
Member John Comerford, Member Philip Prewitt, Member Carson Ross
Guest and staff present:
Guest: Jorgen Schlemeier
Staff: Timothy Norton, Acting Executive Director; Jill Talken, Executive
Secretary; Susan McNary, Legal Counsel; Kim Harris, Director Human
Resources

II. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Missouri Proposition A (2008): Jorgen Schlemeier

Jorgen Schlemeier met with the Commissioners regarding Missouri Proposition A (2008) the Schools First Elementary and Secondary Education Funding Initiative. Would provide new revenue to Missouri schools by increasing the state tax casinos pay to 21% and eliminating Missouri's \$500 buy-in limit. The initiative would also generate new funds for early childhood programs and other state and local services from the \$2 per-visitor excursion fee paid by casinos. State Government entities will receive an estimated \$105 to \$130 million annually for elementary and secondary education and \$5 million to \$7 million annually for higher education, childhood development, veterans, and other programs. Local governmental entities receiving gambling tax and fee revenue will receive an estimated \$18.1 million to \$19 million annually. Mr. Schlemeier is currently working with Representative Michael Parson on drafting legislation regarding the allocation of the additional funds. Chairman Frank and Tim Norton will speak with MAVO.

2. Lottery Initiative: Tim Norton

Tim Norton and Jill Talken reported to the Commissioners a new lottery scratcher game in the state of Iowa was created for the Veterans Trust Fund. The lottery game is expected to provide \$2 to \$3 million annually for Veterans causes. Jill Talken previously met with Missouri Lottery Director in regards to creating a game in Missouri. She was informed that money received by the Missouri State Lottery Commission from the sale of tickets is solely used for the purpose of public institutions of elementary, secondary and higher education. Representative Ed Robb advised Ms. Talken that legislation change to the statutes will not work – this would have to be a constitutional change that would go to the vote of the people. Representative Robb would like to know if the Commission would like to have him proceed with the drafting of the constitutional change. Proceeds from a new scratch off game for the Missouri Veterans Trust Fund could be \$10 to \$15 million a year. Representative Robb will also make sure that there is bonding mechanism in the legislation to allow Veterans Commission to use funding for construction. Commissioner Prewitt recommended Tim Norton look into this issue. Vice Chair Miller seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Prewitt requested that Tim Norton provide the Commissioners with concrete goals the Commission wishes to accomplish over the next 3, 5, and 7 years. After discussion Tim Norton advised he will provide a copy of the CI Budget and a copy of the existing MVC long range goals at the November 5th Commission meeting.

3. Executive Director Job Description: Tim Norton

The Executive Director's job description was distributed to the Commissioners for review. The Commissioners requested that the Executive Team be spelled out (job titles) in the description. Further discussion will be held at the November 5th Commission meeting.

4. Executive Directors Planning Guidance: Tim Norton

Executive Director Larry D. Kay prepared a Planning Guidance for the Missouri Veterans Commission which was distributed to the Commissioners for review. Further discussion will be held at the November 5th Commission meeting.

5. Commission Protocols: Tim Norton

At the direction of the Chairman of the Commission staff prepared protocols for the Commission. Further discussion will be held at the November 5th Commission meeting.

6. Annual Report: Jill Talken

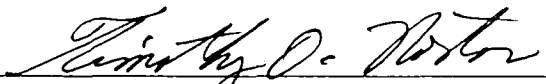
No changes to report. The Annual Report will be printed.

Commissioners requested to receive copies of the Commission Organizational Charts. Mr. Norton advised a copy will be provided at the November 5th Commission meeting.

7. Statutory Change to Provide Regulatory Authority: Susan McNary

The Missouri Veterans Commission last year proposed a change to Chapter 42 RSMo (SB1179) to expand the scope of the Commission's rulemaking authority. Currently there is no authority to adopt rules and regulations impacting the Cemetery program, nor does the Commission have general rulemaking authority. Legislation last year did not make it to the Senate floor. The Commission directed Tim Norton to look into this issue.

With no further business before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.



Timothy O. Norton, Acting Executive Director