STATE OF MINNESOTA SEVENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

 **VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Representative Jerry Newton, Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M., on March 6, 2023, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

NEWTON, Jerry, Chair

ELKINS, Steve, Vice-Chair

BLISS, Matt, Minority Lead

BENNETT, Peggy

CLARDY, Mary Frances

COULTER, Nathan

GREENMAN, Emma

HUDELLA, Shane

LISLEGARD, Dave

NORRIS, Matt

OLSON, Bjorn

WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Hudella moved that the minutes from February 27, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1105 (Howard) Richfield; veterans affordable housing development and construction funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Howard presented HF1105 as an informational hearing.

Testifiers:

* Elwyn Tinklenberg, Former Commissioner, MN Department of Transportation

HF1106 (Howard) Richfield; veterans affordable housing development and construction funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Representative Howard presented HF1106 as an informational hearing.

Testifiers:

* Elwyn Tinklenberg, Former Commissioner, MN Department of Transportation

HF2373 (Greenman) Every Third Saturday grant funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.

Representative Greenman moved that HF 2373 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Greenman and Representative Hudella co-presented HF2373.

Testifiers:

* Kurt Roettjer, Graduate, Every Third Saturday
* Tom McKenna, Veterans Advocate, Every Third Saturday

Representative Greenman renewed the motion that HF2373 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF2374 (Greenman) Minneapolis; Minnesota Veterans Home historic building 6 capital renovation funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Greenman moved that HF2374 be rereferred to the Capitol Investment Committee.

Representative Greenman moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF2374, as amended.

Testifiers:

* Douglas Hughes, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
* Tom Dimond

Representative Greenman renewed the motion that HF2374, as amended, be rereferred to the Capital Investment Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1639 (Hudella) Hastings; Minnesota Veterans Home capital improvement funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hudella presented HF1639 as an informational hearing.

Testifiers:

* Douglas Hughes, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA)
* Mike Anderson, Administrator of Domiciliary Care, MDVA

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 P.M.

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|  Representative Jerry Newton, Chair |

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|  Robin Schmidt, Committee Legislative Assistant |