



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
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Brian Love  
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
December 12, 2023  
*Board of Trustees and Staff*

Chairperson James Dempsey, present  
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present  
Trustee Carol Hebert, present  
Trustee Gregory Spight, excused  
Trustee James Wallace, present  
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present  
Vacancy  
Lindell Holm, Director, present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

Chairperson Dempsey received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act

**Introduction of Guests**

None

**Accounting Reports**

Presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/James Wallace) to approve the Public Minutes of November 7, 2023, passed and carried.

A total of 20 appeals/reviews and no 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

**Case TFGA 0152**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$2,970.00.

**Case TFGA 0200 - Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$38,653.00.

**Case TFGA 0216**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,395.00.

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**Case TFGA 0281**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,806.35.

**Case TFGA 0282**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,644.00.

**Case TFGA 00285**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$6,975.00.

**Case TFGA 0286 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$2,381.34.

**Case TFGA 0322 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$2,092.52.

**Case TFGA 0324**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$21,783.50.

**Case TFGA 0325**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,428.76.

**Case TFGA 0327**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,889.00.

**Case TFGA 0329**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$1,566.00.

**Case TFGA 0330**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,496.44.

**Case TFGA 0331**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,500.00.

**Case TFGA 0333**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,939.73.

**Case TFGA 0342**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$3,385.26.

**Case TFGA 0346**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$2,601.47.

**Case TFGA 0366**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**Case TFGA 0383**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$17,470.92.

**Case TFGA 0386**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,730.00.

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The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was thirteen for **\$100,797.93**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the November 7, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$100,797.93**.

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to approve the County & District Committee Appointments, passed and carried.

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**Unfinished Business**

MVTF Director Holm reported on the bi-annual 2023 MVTF committee training status, stating that the travel training has been completed for the year, however, there are still on-line sessions for those who were unable to attend the various locations throughout the state. Holm reported that December 19, 2023, will be the online policy briefing portion and December 21, 2023, will be the online electronic application briefing portion. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm opined that after the training in Livingston County he had the opportunity to discuss their veteran transportation program that was reported to be excellent and successful. Holm reported that there is a delay in the creation of the electronic signature portion of the online application, adding that the new estimated completion date is now set for June 2024. Director Holm briefed the MVTF Board on his recent meeting with Warrior Rising to discuss grant details for the upcoming September event. A brief discussion followed.

**New Business**

None

**Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

None

**MVTF Board Activities**

MVTF Board Chairperson Dempsey reported that he attended and judged the MVE Lab in Battle Creek and that there was a large turnout for that event. Chairperson Dempsey also gave a brief overview of the winner and a brief discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVE Lab is a good catalyst to enter the Warrior Rising Project. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he attended the Toys for Tots program this year adding that over 1100 children benefited from Toys for Tots this year and the fundraiser raised over \$34,000.00 and was the largest attendance to date. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he was invited to a meeting with the Secretary of the VA (Houghton and Iron Mountain) to discuss the National Cemetery proposal as well as the new Veterans Home status. A brief discussion followed.

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**MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Director Holm reported that he will be attending a coffee hour next week at The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe.

**Good of the Order**

Chairperson Dempsey received an email last week from the Washtenaw County Council of Veterans regarding a veteran food program in the county. The Washtenaw County Council of Veterans plans to promote this program during the month of December and then again in the Spring. Chairperson Dempsey added that for more information veterans should contact the Washtenaw County VSO office. A brief discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm reported that nominations for MVTF Board Chair and Vice Chair will be considered at the February 13, 2024, meeting and voted upon at the March 12, 2024, board meeting.

**Public Comments**

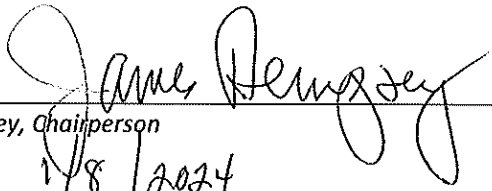
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**Adjourn**

A MOTION (James Dempsey/James Wallace) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Approved:

  
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James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date