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Adam Holier  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
April 4, 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  
Trustee Brian Love, absent  
Lindell Holm, Director, present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:21 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

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes of April 4, 2023, passed and carried.

**A total of 13 appeals/reviews and one 65+ Peacetime application was reviewed in a closed case discussion.**

**Case 7P (Region 4, Muskegon County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$10,200.00.

**Case 66 (Region 4, Muskegon County)**

Withdrawn

**Case 96 (Region 10, Wayne County)**

Withdrawn

**Case 105 (Region 4, Muskegon County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$4,068.00 in an interim decision.

**Case 106 (Region 9, Jackson County)**

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$4,587.00.

**Case 107** (Region 1, Mackinaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$4,000.00.

**Case 108** (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for land contract payments in the amount of \$11,896.60.

**Case 109** (Region 2, Antrim County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$10,179.91.

**Case 110** (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$5,833.50.

**Case 111** (Region 8, Berrien County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$14,514.00.

**Case 112** (Region 2, Charlevoix County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for loans in the amount of \$6,261.68.

**Case 113** (Region 4, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle payment in the amount of \$1,640.71.

**Case 114** (Region 9, Jackson County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$13,507.00.

**Case 115** (Region 3, Iosco County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a furnace in the amount of \$4,370.00.

**Case 116** (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for additional roofing expenses in the amount of \$2,843.70.

**Case 117** (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$15,700.00.

**Case 118** (Region 5, Isabella County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$7,118.91.

**Case 119** (Region 4, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new septic system in the amount of \$7,750.00.

**Case 120** (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$2,666.66, vehicle payments in the amount of \$848.00 and heating gas in the amount of \$185.14.

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**Case 121** (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a used vehicle in the amount of \$7,500.00.

**Case 122** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for roof repairs in the amount of \$37,691.00.

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was seven for **\$63,890.08**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$10,200.00**.

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the April 4, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$74,090.08**.

**Accounting Reports**

Presented

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

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

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**Unfinished Business**

Director Holm updated the Board on the status of the Salesforce electronic application adding that they closed out phase one of the project and it now has begun phase two a few weeks ago. Holm also reported that there is a new project manager working on this project. Holm stated that he is optimistic that the MVTF should be able to roll out the production application to begin working in May and that the "test" counties will begin to test the application a few weeks later. This is anticipated to be done by May 2023. Once the MVTF is confident that it is ready to roll out to all counties, training will follow, likely to happen this coming September.

**New Business**

Director Holm reported that he had met with the DMVA legislative liaison to discuss potential legislative proposals.

**MVTF Board Activities**

Vice Chairperson McIvor reported that he attended an event for Irene Hoskins, who is a World War II Army nurse who turned 106 years old.

**Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

None

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**MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm reported on his attendance to the Warrior Rising Program which was held in Iowa last month. The Warrior Rising Program focuses on individual entrepreneurial training for veterans that assess the obstacles they are facing and identifies their needs at various stages in their business development. Holm added that Warrior Rising was founded in 2015, Warrior Rising is a non-profit started by Veterans, for Veterans that looks to assist veterans to start their own business through carefully selecting strategic partners in business and leveraging a vast network of young professionals and successful entrepreneurs from a wide variety of backgrounds. The organization hosts a team of professionals, business owners, and experts in their fields. A brief discussion followed. MVTF Outreach Analyst, Erik Naperialski reported on his attendance at the American Legion informational meeting in Owosso on April 10, 2023.

**Good of the Order**

Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he has been asked to serve on a discussion panel for the upcoming MVAA Leadership Summit which is going to be held this coming May in Traverse City.

**Public Comments**

None

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved:

  
James Dempsey, Chairperson

5-3-23

Date