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DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 13, 2022
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Paul Mclvor, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
VACANT Trustee
Trustee Thomas Smith, present
Trustee James Wallace, present
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:51 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 (Carol Hebert/Paul Mclvor) to approve the Public Minutes of December 13, 2022, passed and carried.

A total of 28 appeals/reviews and one 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case 31 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof up to \$32,521.00.

Case 36 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for land contract payments in the amount of \$6,045.76.

Case 37 (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$4,800.00 and electric bill in the amount of \$418.11.

Case 38 (Region 4, Newaygo County)

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new septic system in the amount of \$20,600.00.

Case 39 (Region 8, Branch)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount up to \$18,750.00.

Case 40 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

Withdrawn

Case 41 (Region 4, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace and hot water heater in the amount of \$6,800.00 in an interim decision.

Case 42 (Region 8, Berrien County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Case 43 (Region 3, Montmorency County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well in the amount up to \$12,000.00.

Case 44 (Region 3, Montmorency County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,140.00.

Case 45 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$9,999.80.

Case 46 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your appeal for the remaining sewer line work in the amount of \$3,958.16.

Case 47 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new windows in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Case 48 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$2,740.53.

Case 49 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for the remaining portion of the new windows in the amount of \$2,550.00.

Case 50 (Region 4, Montmorency County)

Moved to next month

Case 51 (Region 5, Gratiot County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$1,651.80 and vehicle payments in the amount of \$920.36.

Case 52 (Region 1, Houghton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$5,382.79 in an interim decision.

Case 53 (Region 7, Ingham County)

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- MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$5,329.48.

Case 54 (Region 3, Ogemaw County)

Withdrawn

Case 55 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$11,368.58 in an interim decision.

Case 56 (Region 10, Wayne County)

Withdrawn

Case 57 (Region 4, Allegan County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well in the amount up to \$7,500.00 and a new septic system in the amount of \$5,160.00.

Case 58 (Region 9, Jackson County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$1,148.48, water, garbage and sewer in the amount of \$372.45 and electric in the amount of \$554.16.

Case 59 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$6,083.00.

Case 60 (Region 6, Lapeer County)

Moved to next month

Case 61 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$9,464.00.

Case 62 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount up to \$881.00.

Case 63 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for propane up to the amount of \$1,300.00 and DTE electric in the amount of \$800.00 in an interim decision.

A total of 28 appeals and reviews were considered

Case 3P (Region 8, Branch County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for basement repair in the amount of \$11,324.00.

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was twelve for **\$72,759.97**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$8,687.00**.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the December 13, 2022, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$81,446.97**.

Accounting Reports

Presented

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County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Lindell Holm gave an update on the currently live Sales Force application, adding that it is live for internal testing. Holm reported that this test has proven better than anticipated and the next scheduled roll out for testing and eventual launching to counties for minor or basic applications will be in January 2023. Holm added that MVTF Analyst, Erik Napieralski will start training for counties after the final phase of testing is completed. Director Holm presented to the MVTF Board of Trustees the proposed meeting dates for 2023.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to approve the Proposed MVTF 2023 meeting dates presented, passed and carried.

New Business

Director Holm reported that MVAA Director Zanata Adams last day is December 28, 2022, and that the new MVAA director is a former state senator, Adam Hollier. Hollier is scheduled to begin January 3, 2023. Chairperson Dempsey reported that Trustee Jill Mathews resigned her position on the MVTF Board effective December 12, 2022. MVTF Director Holm added that some MVTF Trustees terms are up February 2023 and that if current serving Trustees would like to be considered to continue serving that they will need to submit their applications to the Governor. Director Holm discussed the potential idea for a new data base that could be beneficial to the MVTF, it could identify veterans that are in possible foreclosure that the Trust Fund may be able to assist. He added that this service would have an annual fee for use. A brief discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm reported that planning has begun for the upcoming Leadership Summit and asked the MVTF Trustees to begin thinking of possible topics, issues, funding of a social event, and potential speakers to consider for the upcoming Summit. A brief discussion followed. Holm reported that he is currently working on MVTF's annual report adding that it is scheduled go out the legislators February 2023.

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Director Holm attended the MVE Lab in Grand Rapids and Trustee Wallace attended the MVE Lab in Ann Arbor, both giving a brief overview of their events. A brief discussion followed. MVTF Trustee reported that St. Clair County VSO office is searching for a new director. MVTF Trustee Hebert reported on her induction into the Veteran Hall of Honor, which was held on November 18, 2022, in Lansing. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that a Michigan tribal veteran shelter is in the planning phase for Baraga.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

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Director Holm shared his portion of an interview on a local news station, highlighting the MVTF's contribution of food baskets and what a success it was to veterans in need this holiday season. The food baskets were distributed in Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor, Paw Paw and Hastings Michigan throughout December. MVTF Departmental Supervisor Carolyn Harden gave a brief report on the Veterans Navigator speaking engagement she participated in which was held in Frankenmuth Michigan.

Good of the Order

MVTF Director reported that Consumers Energy just gave the MVTF Board \$300,000.00 adding that utility assistance continues to be one of our biggest needs, especially during these cold winter months. He added that MVTF is incredibly thankful to have the support of Consumers Energy as the MVTF works to assist veterans and their families during this time. Holm reported that this contribution will allow the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund to focus on other critical needs like emergency rent assistance and home payments.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson


Date