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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
LANSING

ZANETA ADAMS  
DIRECTOR

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
February 8, 2022  
***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson James Dempsey, present  
Vice Chairperson Thomas Smith, present  
Trustee Barry Wood, present  
Trustee Carol Hebert, present  
Trustee Jill Mathews, present  
Trustee Paul McIvor, present  
Lindell Holm, Director present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance – Yes

Received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

**Introduction of Guests**

MVAA Director Zaneta Adam  
Michigan Treasury Investment Manager for Trust and Agencies Division Woodrow Tyler  
Michigan Treasury Investment Officer Lan Chen.

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to approve the Public Minutes, of January 11, 2022, passed, and carried.

**A total of 19 appeals, reviews and reconsiderations were considered.**

**Case 55 (Region 4, Newaygo County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for propane in the amount of \$632.58 in an interim decision.

**Case 56 (Region 10, Wayne County)**

Incomplete

**Case 57 (Region 10, Oakland County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$18,800.00.

**Case 58 (Region 1, Schoolcraft County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace and ductwork in the amount of \$8,970.00 in an interim decision.

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**Case 59** (Region 3, Ogemaw County)

Moved to next month

**Case 60** (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$884.00 and heating gas in the amount of \$240.00.

**Case 61** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$6,868.52.

**Case 62** (Region 1, Schoolcraft County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved a new furnace in the amount of \$4,929.63 and your \$500.00 portion is to be paid by you.

**Case 63** (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$9,100.00.

**Case 64** (Region 8, Calhoun County)

Moved to next month

**Case 65** (Region 3, Grand Traverse County)

Withdrawn

**Case 66** (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle insurance in the amount of \$481.89, vehicle payment in the amount \$751.76 and rent in the amount of \$320.00.

**Case 67** (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved a new septic system in the amount of \$7,600.00 and the other portion is to be paid by the county in the amount of \$7,600.00.

**Case 68** (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

Withdrawn

**Case 69** (Region 1, Mackinaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$4,425.28.

**Case 70** (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved for a reconsideration for additional roof repairs in the amount of \$5,974.00 in an interim decision.

**Case 71** (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved for a basement repair in the amount of \$13,167.98

**Case 72** (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$3,310.34.

**Case 73** (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$4,470.00.

**Case 74** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,315.00.

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### Case 75 (Region 3, Roscommon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$11,136.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was nine for **\$52,303.55**

**A total of 2 appeals, reviews and reconsiderations were considered for Peacetime 65+**

### Case 1 65+ Peacetime (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace, a/c unit and hot water heater in the amount of \$9,100.00.

### Case 2 65+ Peacetime (Region 5, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$5,134.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$5,134.00**

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the February 8, 2022, case discussion, passed, and carried, in the amount of \$57,437.55.

### Accounting Reports

Presented

### County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

### Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

A MOTION (Jill Mathews/Paul McIver) to waive repayment due to an administrative error the two applications dated 11/16/2021 and 12/19/2021, passed and carried.

### Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVAA Annual Report has been completed and updated the board on the highlights of the report as it pertains to the MVTF Board. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm gave an update on Foods4Vets and on the status of the electronic Sales Force application and gave an estimated date of the completion for October 1, 2022. Director Holm reported that the MVE Lab to be held in Detroit is scheduled for February 28, 2022, adding that their staff is in place and ready to go. Holm added that the MVE Labs will also be held in Ann Arbor, Muskegon, Battle Creek and Macomb this coming fall. Director Holm updated the Board on their MVTF Board appointments and the status of their terms.

### New Business

MVTF Director Holm reported on the Attorney General's Opinion on the Open Meetings Act (handout presented). A brief discussion followed highlighting the new guidelines. Holm reported that he met with Tim Hunnicutt of Zero Day along with MVAA staffer Ryan Engle in Battle Creek and updated the Board on what Zero Day is and its

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affiliation with Silver Star apartments in Battle Creek and what they do in terms of their programs and apprenticeships for veterans. Director Holm suggested that the MVTF Board consider having their board meeting in April at Zero Day facility.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to change the location of the April 12, 2022, MVTF Board Meeting location from Lansing to the Zero Day facility in Battle Creek, passed and carried.

### **MVTF Board Activities**

Director Holm reported on the Strategic Program Sub-Committee meeting (handout presented) that was held last month and if the MVTF Board might want to consider investing in as it pertains and aligns with the goals of the MVTF strategic goals outlined in the MVTF strategic plan (posted on the MVTF website). Director Holm also asked the MVTF Board to consider a request up to \$10,000 to assist in the purchase of furniture for veterans residing at Hilltop View in Dexter Michigan for *Faith in Action* as it aligns with goal #2 of MVTF strategic plan. Holm reported that the Leadership Conference is looking for potential speakers for the various topics that will be discussed and the possibility of the MVTF Board to consider sponsoring the travel expenses for a speaker. MVAA Director Adams briefed the Board on the upcoming Leadership Conference and what the state and federal goals are for this upcoming conference regarding by bringing in speakers outside of the Agency.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Jill Mathews) to sponsor the food for the social mixer for the MVAA Leadership Conference in Lansing on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, in the amount of \$2,930.00, passed, and carried.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve up to \$10,000 for the purchase of furniture for six apartments for veterans at the Hilltop View, *Faith in Action*, passed, and carried.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Barry Wood) to move the May MVTF Board meeting from May 11, 2022, to May 12, 2022, contingent upon the Leadership Conference schedule, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Jill Mathews) to approve up to \$1,500 for guest speaker fees at the upcoming Leadership Conference if a speaker can be identified, passed, and carried.

### **MVTF Staff Activities**

Trustee Wood thanked Director Holm for the Annual Report update. Trustee Wood will be speaking in Lansing at his winter meeting, adding that the topic will be the Annual Report. Trustee McIvor thanked MVAA Director Adams for attending and speaking at his mid-winter conference. Director Holm reported that he and Chairperson Dempsey will be attending the upcoming NASDVA meeting. Holm also reported will be attending an upcoming MVTF local TV/interview discussion called the Veterans Story Project in Lansing February 25, 2022, held in Lansing Michigan.

### **Good of the Order**

MVTF Director Holm reported that MVAA released a feel-good story regarding the MVTF trust fund in Gladwin County and how MVTF staff persons Dawn Shinaver and Lonnie Riley went above and beyond to assist the veteran in the veterans' time of need.

### **Public Comments**

None

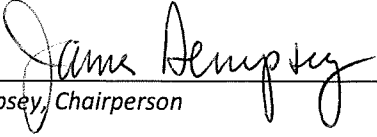
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**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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

Approved:

  
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James Dempsey, Chairperson

  
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