



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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GOVERNOR

ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 11, 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, excused
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 10:52 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 Adams

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes, of December 14, 2021, passed and carried.

A total of 15 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case 26 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,355.00.

Case 31 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new septic system in the amount of \$20,925.00.

Case 32 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for dental work for \$2,642.50.

Case 43 (Region 1, Menominee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$4,700.00 in an interim decision.

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Case 44 (Region 8, Berrien County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,550.00.

Case 45 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new air conditioning unit in the amount of \$4,375.00.

Case 46 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle insurance in the amount of \$254.75, vehicle payment in the amount \$367.15 and rent in the amount of \$1,950.00.

Case 47 (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for delinquent insurance costs in the amount of \$3,188.27, water in the amount of \$1,203.04 and association fees in the amount of \$750.00.

Case 48 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,750.00.

Case 49 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle loan pay-off in the amount of \$4,667.47.

Case 50 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$3,250.00.

Case 51 (Region 4, Ottawa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for dental work in the amount of \$6,533.00 in an interim decision.

Case 52 (Region 4, Ottawa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for dental work in the amount of \$4,575.00.

Case 53 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$6,145.00.

Case 54 (Region 7, Eaton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for bathroom modifications in the amount of \$15,795.38.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was 8 for **\$58,484.19**

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the January 11, 2022, case discussion, passed, and carried, in the amount of \$58,484.19.

Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that he and Chairperson Dempsey plan on attending the NASVDA Conference scheduled to be held in Washington DC. Director Holm reported that the first 65+ Peacetime application that was taken at the county level will be coming to the MVTF Board this February adding that a one-pager on that program is scheduled to go out as well. Director Holm indicated that the Food4Vet program will be closing soon adding that the last of the cards will be sent out to various counties in February.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that Ryan Engle and he will visit the Zero Day facility for veterans located at Silver Star apartments in Battle Creek the end of next week. Director Holm also reported that the MVAA is holding a Leadership Conference in May and that all key stakeholders will be invited to attend. A brief discussion followed. MVAA Director Adams reported that there will be a Women's Veteran Leadership Conference to be held in June adding that there will be a legislative presence at this conference. Director Adams also reported that the MVAA Annual Report has been released. MVAA highlights were provided with added praise to the MVTF Board on their accomplishments assisting veterans. Director Adams reported that the Michigan Veteran Connector has been launched to identify and connect veterans to free resources to reduce veterans' suicide in Michigan and to connect veterans to the benefits they've earned. A discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm reported that the Saginaw County VSO office is on schedule to move to the new Saginaw YMCA location by the end of January. Director Holm is also planning on meeting with the Oakland County Veterans Affairs Director the end of January to address the county's needs as it relates to the MVTF.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Wood reported that his local post joined their local Chamber, in an outreach effort to create more opportunities to help and assist veterans in that area.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF staff will be assisting in the upcoming Saginaw County move.

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None

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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

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Approved:

J. Dempsey
Feb 8, 2022

James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date