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Adam Holier
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 10, 2023
Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:35 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

MVAA Director Adam Hollier

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes of December 13, 2022, passed and carried.

A total of 16 appeals/reviews and one 65+ Peacetime application was reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case 4P (Region 4, Muskegon County) Moved

Case 50 (Region 3, Montmorency County) Moved

Case 60 (Region 6, Lapeer County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for moving costs in the amount of \$2,000.00 and fence repair in the amount of \$899.00.

Case 65 (Region 1, Mackinac County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for propane tank installation in the amount of \$809.56, a new boiler in the amount of \$11,294 and mortgage in the amount of \$2,179.38.

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- Case 66** (Region 4, Muskegon) Moved
- Case 67** (Region 4, Muskegon County) Withdrawn
- Case 68** (Region 10, Oakland County) Moved
- Case 69** (Region 5, Saginaw County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle payments in the amount of \$1,285.33.
- Case 70** (Region 5, Saginaw County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle payments in the amount of \$1,838.04.
- Case 71** (Region 10, Macomb County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for dental FMS in the amount of \$149.00.
- Case 72** (Region 10, Macomb County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for dental work in the amount of \$5,928.00.
- Case 73** (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a walk-in shower in the amount of \$7,300.00.
- Case 74** (Region 2, Benzie County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$5,100.00.
- Case 75** (Region 6, St. Clair County) Moved
- Case 76** (Region 4, Allegan County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new well in the amount up to \$6,400.00.
- Case 77** (Region 2, Wexford County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$4,200.00 in an interim decision.
- Case 78** (Region 7, Ingham County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle payments in the amount of \$1,036.60.

A total of 16 appeals and reviews were considered

- Case 4P** (Region 4, Muskegon County) Moved

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was five for **\$17,687.04**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero for **\$0**.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the January 10, 2022, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$17,687.04**.

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Accounting Reports

Presented

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 grant to the MVTF from Consumers Energy. MVAA put out a commercial and information on social media regarding the grant from Consumers Energy and because of that the MVAA Resource Center and the MVTF have seen an uptick in calls asking for clarification of what the grant is designated to cover. Director Holm/MVTF sent Consumers Energy a certificate of appreciation for their generous donation. A brief discussion followed. Holm reported on the final number for Food 4 Vets and that the program has ended. MVTF Analyst Erik Naperalski gave a detailed report on the locations and numbers of meals Food 4 Vets provided to Kalamazoo, Benton Harbor, Hastings, and Paw Paw. Holm also reported that some of MVTF Trustee members terms will be expiring in February 2023, encouraging those who wish to continue to serve, be sure to fill out an online application through the Governor's website for possible reappointment. Director Holm reported that the online SalesForce testing period will be coming to an end at the end of January, adding that the cost of the on-line application will be \$75,000.00 for FY23, asking the Board of Trustees to consider funding. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/James Wallace) to approve funding for Sales Force online application for FY23, in the amount of \$75,000.00 was presented, passed and carried.

New Business

Director Holm reported on the upcoming MVAA Leadership Summit, which is being held in Traverse City, May 4-5, 2023. Holm asked the MVTF Board to consider moving the May 9th Board Meeting to Wednesday, May 3, 2023, to coincide with the MVAA Leadership Summit. Holm also asked the MVTF Board to consider funding a social event at the MVAA Leadership Summit. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to change the May 9, 2023, Board Meeting in Lansing to May 3, 2023, to be held in Traverse City and to fund a social event at the MVAA Leadership Summit was presented, passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Chairperson Dempsey will be attending his mid-winter conference in Arlington, VA at the end of February. MVTF Trustee McIvor will be attending his State Winter Conference in Kalamazoo, MI at the end of January. MVTF Trustee Wallace will be attending the American Legion mid-winter conference February in Lansing, MI. MVTF Trustee Loonsfoot reported on the Tribal Veteran Home in the UP of Michigan. Loonsfoot also reported that he was re-elected to serve another three-year term of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council.

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Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that Treasury will be attending the February board meeting. Holm also reported that he be attending a Warrior Rising event scheduled for March in Iowa.

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None

Public Comments

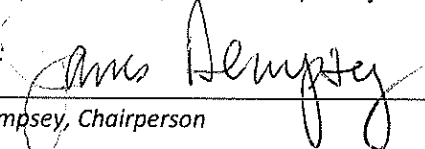
None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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

Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date

2-14-2023
