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Adam Hollier
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 11, 2023
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, excused
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Gregory Spight, present
Trustee James Wallace, present
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Trustee Brian Love, present
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Vice Chairperson McIvor called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Vice Chairperson McIvor 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 (James Wallace/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the Public Minutes of June 13, 2023, passed and carried.

A total of 15 appeals/reviews and one 65+ Peacetime application were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case 148 (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new flooring in the amount of \$8,469.78 and electrical work in the amount of \$1,850.00.

Case 150 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$619.00, vehicle insurance in the amount of \$154.00, health insurance premium in the amount of \$331.02, vehicle insurance in the amount of \$219.05, vehicle payment in the amount of \$465.19 and a storage unit payment in the amount of \$464.98.

Case 157 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for sewer line repairs in the amount of \$8,700.00.

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Case 158 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new roof up to the amount of \$8,000.00 contingent upon a grant approval from another agency.

Case 159 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for plumbing repairs in the amount of \$8,945.00.

Case 160 (Region 5, Clare County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$6,480.00.

Case 161 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well pump in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the well drilling in the amount of \$3,568.00 as the applicant paid the remaining \$5,000.00 balance already.

Case 162 (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$9,169.19.

Case 163 (Region 7, Ingham County)

Moved

Case 164 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$9,215.00.

Case 165 (Region 8, Berrien County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a walk-in shower in the amount of \$7,786.40.

Case 166 (Region 4, Osceola County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$14,045.21.

Case 167 (Region 6, Lapeer County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$8,274.21.

Case 168 (Region 7, Ingham County)

Incomplete

Case 169 (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage payments in the amount of \$2,733.66.

Case 170 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a bathroom modification and remodel in the amount up to \$7,850.00.

Case 171 (Region 4, Otsego County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new septic drain field in the amount of \$5,900.00 contingent upon other information being provided.

Case 9P (Region 1, Houghton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new propane furnace in the amount of \$5,229 for RC Mechanical.

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The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was six for **\$41,922.21.**

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$5,229.00**

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/James Wallace) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the July 11, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$47,151.21.**

Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Trustee Wallace inquired about that status of business cards that the MVTF Board members, adding that having business cards to hand out to veterans while attending veteran related events would be beneficial to both veterans and the MVTF. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

MVTF Trustee Loonsfoot reported that U.S. Senator Rounds, from South Dakota, introduced SB 1554 two weeks ago. Its purpose is to grant a Federal Charter to the National American Indian Veteran Chartership. This bipartisan bill was introduced during last Congressional session but did not pass out of the Senate. He anticipates it passing this year. MVTF Director Holm reported that he met with Warrior Rising and would like to pitch a proposal to the MVTF board to bring one of their events into Michigan. Warrior Rising has an entrepreneurship/training program for MVTF's support involving a possible grant of \$150,000.000 to help bring this event to Michigan. Holm added this would be a great event and would allow for the creation of "platoons" (as they call them) of veteran entrepreneurs to be in strategic locations throughout the state as a gathering place for making connections and collaborative partnerships. He added that this would be consideration for the FY 24 budget year. Director Holm reported that he will be talking with them more in the coming months to help formulate a proposal. Holm also reported on the status of the online application. A brief discussion followed.

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Trustee Wallace reported that he attended his chapter of the American Legion Convention, which was held June 6-9, in Sault St Marie, adding that MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski attended and presented to the audience, as well. Trustee Wallace gave a brief history of the Trust Fund and discussed the need for Committee Members to serve. MVTF Trustee Love reported that he attended the Marine Corps League State Convention, as well. Trustee Love reported that his upcoming general membership meeting for Montford Point Marine Corps League to be held in Detroit and possibly Lansing in January. Trustee Love added that the Montford Point Marine Corps League Post in Detroit will be going back to hosting a breakfast for veterans on the first Saturday of the

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month and that all branches are welcome to attend. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he attended his county meeting to discuss the need for U.P. committee members for the MVTF Committee.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that Erik Napieralski attended the DAV and American Legion meetings held in the U.P.

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Trustee Loonsfoot reported that the "I am a veteran" video campaign that he participated in is complete and that he would send a link to the video to his fellow Board members, adding that he is very pleased with how it turned out and that he was honored to be a part of it.

Public Comments

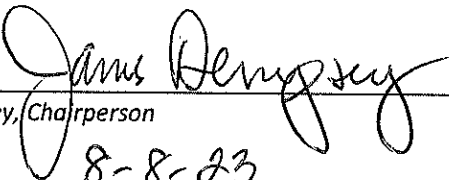
MVAA Director thanked the MVTF Board for all their hard work and commitment to our Michigan veterans.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Carol Hebert) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date