



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
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DIRECTOR

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

July 12, 2022

***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson James Dempsey, present  
Vice Chairperson Thomas Smith, present  
Trustee Carol Hebert, present  
Trustee Jill Mathews, present  
Trustee Paul McIvor, present  
Lindell Holm, Director present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:59 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 McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes, of June 14, 2022, passed, and carried.

**A total of 20 appeals and reviews were considered and a total of one review was considered for 65+ Peacetime Program in closed case discussion.**

**Case 114 (Region 3, Ogemaw County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for dental work in the amount of \$11,482.00.

**Case 117 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)**

Moved to next month

**Case 119 (Region 4, Newaygo County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for windows and doors in the amount of \$4,430.00.

**Case 140 (Region 10, Wayne County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for heat/electric in the amount of \$3,264.94.

**Case 141 (Region 5, Gladwin County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$6,330.00 in an interim decision.

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**Case 142** (Region 4, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$4,979.50.

**Case 143** (Region 3, Roscommon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for mortgage payments in the amount of \$9,391.99 and your portion in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be paid by you.

**Case 144** (Region 3, Montmorency County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$18,650.00.

**Case 145** (Region 9, Jackson County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for heat/electric for \$268.41.

**Case 146** (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electric in the amount of \$5,240.44.

**Case 147** (Region 10, Oakland County)

Moved to next month

**Case 148** (Region 4, Newaygo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a hot water propane boiler in the amount of \$6,075.00.

**Case 149** (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for heat/electric in the amount of \$6,165.35.

**Case 150** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new septic field in the amount of \$10,500.00.

**Case 151** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

Moved to next month

**Case 152** (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$20,069.00.

**Case 153** (Region 1, Menominee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electric in the amount of \$11,421.30.

**Case 154** (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**Case 155** (Region 1, Mackinac County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new vehicle purchase in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**Case 156** (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage assistance in the amount of \$1,511.74, association fees in the amount of \$2,386.00 and vehicle payments in the amount of \$2,328.74.

**Case 157** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$5,613.27.

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**Case 158** (Region 5, Gratiot County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$4,710.16, auto repairs in the amount of \$624.00 and vehicle insurance in the amount of \$188.36.

**Case 159** (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a furnace and a/c unit in the amount of \$8,000.00.

**A total of 20 appeals and reviews were considered**

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for was five for **\$28,230.75**.

**Case 7P** (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that you do not meet the eligibility requirements per Board Policy #102.

**A total of one review was considered for 65+ Peacetime**

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero for **\$0.00**

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the July 12, 2022, case discussion, passed, and carried, in the amount of \$28,230.75.

**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**

None

**Unfinished Business**

MVTF Director Holm gave an update to the MVTF Board on the progress of the Sales Force electronic application and how counties and VSO's will be utilizing the new application, adding that this will streamline the application process. MVTF Outreach Analyst, Erik Napieralski also gave a brief update on the status of the SF electronic application as well, a brief discussion followed. Chairperson Dempsey made a nomination for Paul McIvor to serve as the Vice Chairperson.

A MOTION (Jill Mathews/Carol Hebert) to approve Paul McIvor to serve as Vice Chairperson, passed, and carried.

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**New Business**

Director Holm discussed Wayne County and a potential county person that may be hired to resume taking applications again. Holm added that if this person accepts the position, the individual will follow the same guidelines that Saginaw and Oakland County uses and the process that are currently in place for those counties. Director Holm also updated the MVTF Board on upcoming policy and budgets updates.

**MVTF Board Activities**

Chairperson Dempsey reported that he will be attending the DAV National Convention in August, noting that he will be absent for the August 9, 2022, Board meeting. Chairperson Dempsey reported that he will continue to serve as Treasurer for DAV for another year. Trustee Hebert reported that she plans on attending the upcoming UP Veteran Fair, specifically for Tribal veterans to attend. Trustee Mathews reported that she attended the Women's Veteran Conference, which was held in Lansing this past June, adding that it was very beneficial and educational.

**MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVTF staff will be in Oakland County on July 14, 2022, for training. Director Holm and Analyst Erik Napieralski will be attending the UP-State Fair, August 15-21, 2022.

**Good of the Order**

Chairperson Dempsey reported that he will be attending the Vet Fest which is Michigan's largest veteran engagement event of the year drawing in several thousand veterans and family members from all around the state on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Director Holm suggested to the Board that they consider moving the October MVTF Board meeting location to the Eaton Rapids VFW National Home for Children.

**Public Comments**

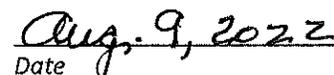
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**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved:   
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James Dempsey, Chairperson

  
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Date