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Adam Holier
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 13, 2023
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:11 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/Gregory Spight) to approve the Public Minutes of May 3, 2023, passed and carried.

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

Case 140 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for heating gas in the amount of \$986.42 and electric in the amount of \$1,617.35. They disapproved your request for rent in the amount of \$3,350.00.

Case 141 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in amount of \$1,300.00.

Case 142 and Case 143

May meeting

Case 144 (Region 8, Cass County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repairs in the basement in the amount of \$15,500.00.

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Case 145 (Region 5, Saginaw County) Withdrawn

Case 146 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

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

Case 147 (Region 10, Macomb County) Withdrawn

Case 148 (Region 4, Oceana County) Moved

Case 149 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new siding and other interior repairs in the amount of \$21,145.00.

Case 150 (Region 8, Calhoun County) Moved

Case 151 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$31,160.00.

Case 152 (Region 4, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$2,600.00.

Case 153 (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in amount of \$1,400.00, vehicle repairs in the amount \$4,259.43 and medical bills in the amount of \$500.00.

Case 154 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$15,200.00.

Case 155 (Region 7, Ingham County)

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

Case 156 (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for electric in the amount of \$1,425.51. They disapproved the request for mortgage in the amount of \$3,706.55.

Case 157 (Region 4, Muskegon County) Moved

Case 8P (Region 4, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$4,994.00 up to \$10,000.00.

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

Case H4H1 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees of Trustees approved your application for a septic repair in the amount of \$8,750.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for the H4H Partnership Program was one for \$8,750.00

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A MOTION (Carol Hebert/James Wallace) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the June 13, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$4,029.28**.

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

Director Holm reported on the status of the MVTF's electronic application, adding that it has been released for production and more releases will follow periodically. Holm added that MVTF Staff will start using the electronic app in July and pre-determined test counties will begin in August. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported that he met with Representative Coffia again regarding the possibility to extend eligibility to peace-time veterans. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

MVTF Vice Chairperson McIvor would like the MVTF Board of Trustees to have business cards made for each Trustee to promote the MVTF grant assistance program when they are at veteran events throughout Michigan.

MVTF Board Activities

Chairperson Dempsey reported that he attended the MVE Lab entrepreneurship pitch competition sponsored by Grand Valley State University that was held in Muskegon, adding that Grand Valley has a training facility located in Muskegon. Chairperson Dempsey gave an overview of the competition to the MVTF Board. A brief discussion followed. Chairperson Dempsey reported that he attended the Women's Veteran Recognition Day event held in Detroit to celebrate the signing of the Bill declaring June 12, 2023, as Women's Veteran Recognition Day. Chairperson Dempsey reported that he will be attending the DAV Convention to be held June 28-29 in Mt Pleasant. Vice Chairperson McIvor reported that he attended his State Convention last week. Trustee Wallace reported that he will attend the American Legion convention to be held in Sault Ste Marie, July 6-9, 2023. Trustee Hebert reported that she will be attending the Michigan AM Vets convention June 24-25, 2023, in Grand Rapids and will be traveling to Wisconsin and Ohio for other AM Vets State Conventions. Trustee Hebert also reported that she will be traveling across the country to attend other veteran events and visiting veteran villages homes in Kansas City, Missouri that helps with transitioning veterans from active duty to civilian life. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he is actively searching for possible committee members who are willing to serve in Baraga County. Trustee Love reported that he attended the Memorial Day Service celebration at the State Capitol.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

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MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that he and MVTF Department Analyst Erik Napieralski attended the VFW event last week. MVTF Department Analyst Erik Napieralski reported he will be traveling to the Legion in Kalamazoo on June 28, 2023.

Good of the Order

Trustee Wallace would like to propose a change with the MVTF Board write-ups that are disbursed to the board prior to the meeting. He offered suggestions for the board memo to the Trustees to be more organized and chronological in order and that only one package of cases be sent that has all the cases to be reviewed. Chairperson Dempsey read a thank you letter from a veteran who received assistance from the MVTF for a new furnace. Director Holm proposed a location change for the September meeting to be held at the VFW Home for Children in Eaton Rapids.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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

Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date

7/11/23