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STATE OF MICHIGAN MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY LANSING

BRIAN LOVE DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES March 12, 2024 Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:39 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

Accounting Reports

Presented.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (James Dempsey/ Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes of February 13, 2024, passed and carried.

A total of 22 appeals/reviews including one 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case TFGA 0385

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,485.00.

Case TFGA 0399 - Appeal

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$13,600.00.

Case TFGA 0454

• The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,000,00.

Case TFGA 0468

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The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Case TFGA 0474 - Appeal

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,647.68.

Case TFGA 0486

The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,140.96.

Case TFGA 0504

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$2,743.00.

Case TFGA 0506

The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$6,295.00.

Case TFGA 0509

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$1,552.63.

Case TFGA 0512 PEACETIME

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,975.00.

Case TFGA 0516

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$15,712.00.

Case TFGA 0526

• The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,720.00.

Case TFGA 0529

The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$38,488.43.

Case TFGA 0531

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$6,925.00.

Case TFGA 0538

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$6,578.00.

Case TFGA 0549 WITHDRAWN

Case TFGA 0551

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,104.00.

Case TFGA 0554

• The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,055.90.

Case TFGA 0559

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$7,407.00.

Case TFGA 0574

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$6,975.00.

Case TFGA 0586

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The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$888.00.

Case TFGA 0588

The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,360.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved twenty-two for \$107,899.68.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was \$9,975.00.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the March 12, 2024, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of \$107,899.68. Trustee Loonsfoot abstained from voting on case with conflict of interest.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors - Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm welcomed new MVTF department technician employee, Donnie Thomas, adding that he will be in working two days in Oakland County and one day in Wayne County, with the three remaining days remotely. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported that he met with the staffers from the Michigan Legislature last week where he discussed Public Act 9 and the possibility of an amendment that would allow for assisting peacetime veterans only if an appropriation from the General Fund was provided. Holm reported that MVAA Director Love testified before the Legislature on the MVAA budget. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

MVTF Director Lindell Holm reported that the MVTF Board of Trustees officer nominations are due.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to suspend officers maximum limit of two, one-year terms as reported in section 2, article 2, as stated in the bylaws of the Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) for James Dempsey to be eligible to continue to serve as Chairperson, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jim Wallace) for Paul McIvor to be eligible to continue to serve as Vice Chairperson, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

MVTF Board Activities

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MVTF Chairperson Dempsey reported on his attendance of the National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs. A brief discussion followed.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm reported that he will be attending the upcoming Warrior Rising event to be held in Iowa at the end of March.

Good of the Order

MVTF Trustee Loonsfoot reported that the Homes pulled out of the Cliffs-Dows site as a potential site for the new D. J. Jacobetti veteran's home. Trustee Loonsfoot stated that they are exploring other locations. A brief discussion followed.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/James Dempsey) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Approved:

James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date