



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

ZANETA ADAMS  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**  
MVTF BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

August 11, 2020  
***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson Barry Wood, present  
Vice Chairperson Robert Williams, excused  
Trustee James Tighe, present  
Trustee Carol Hebert, present  
Trustee James Dempsey, present  
Trustee Jill Mathews, present  
Trustee Thomas Smith, present  
Lindell Holm, Director present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst, present  
Erik Naperialski, Departmental Tech, present

Chairperson Wood called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

Chairperson Wood received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

**Introduction of Guests**

Zaneta Adams, Director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency  
Nick Whitman, Treasury Investment Analyst, Defined Contributions, Trusts and Agencies Division, BOI  
Woodrow Tyler, Senior Investment Manager, Defined Contribution, Trusts and Agencies Division, BOI  
Lan Chen, Treasury Investment Officer, Defined Contribution, Trusts and Agencies Division, BOI

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (James Dempsey/Thomas Smith) to approve the Public Minutes, of July 11, 2020, passed and carried.

**One personal hearing conducted at the Aug 11, 2020 emergent need work session.**

**A total of 13 appeals/reviews were considered**

**Case 212** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for furnace and air conditioning in the amount of \$6,058.43 and hot water heater in the amount of \$1,000.00, and for the heat/electric in the amount of \$123.87.

**Case 213-218** (Region 5, Midland County)

Not Presented

**Case 219** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new refrigerator in the amount of \$887.00, range in the amount of \$1,497.00 and microwave in the amount of \$267.00.

**Case 229** (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for garbage in the amount of \$57.62, water/sewer in the amount of \$206.45, heating gas in the amount of \$348.46, electric in the amount of \$359.04, vehicle insurance in the amount of \$377.95 and mortgage in the amount of \$6,177.28.

**Case 230** (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for basement repair in the amount of \$3,000.00. The remaining cost in the amount of \$3,130.00 can be paid by you or other resources.

**Case 231** (Region 3, Cheboygan County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new septic drain field in the amount of \$3,250.00 in an interim decision.

**Case 232** (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for tree removal in the amount of \$3,900.00.

**Case 233** (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,167.43, refrigerator in the amount of \$638.00, range in the amount of \$564.00, washer/dryer in the amount of \$1,331.00 and dishwasher in the amount of \$348.00.

**Case 234** (Region 105, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$5,900.00.

**Case 235** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for refrigerator in the amount of \$988.00, range in the amount of \$798.00, microwave in the amount of \$288.00, washing machine in the amount of \$448.00 and dryer \$348.00.

**Case 236** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new boiler in the amount of \$4,779.17. The remaining request was disapproved for the completed electrical work in the amount of \$845.53.

**Case 237** (Region 5, Gladwin County)

Administrative Withdrawal

**Case 238** (Region 8, Calhoun County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$907.75. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved your situation.

**Case 239** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for water hookup to the city in the amount of \$14,900.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for remaining home repairs in the amount of \$28,065.00 and disapproved your request because other resources are available.

A MOTION (James Dempsey/Thomas Smith) to accept the emergency grant approvals and disapprovals that were made passed and carried

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was eight for **\$47,869.95.**

**Accounting Report**

None

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

None

**Unfinished Business**

Director Holm reported on a meeting between Julie Cowie of Grand Valley State University, Chairman Wood, and himself to discuss possible support of their Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur Lab. MVAA Director Adams commented that she had completed this program and was asked to share her experience with it. Director Adams also updated the Board that the MVAA continues to plan on utilizing Meijer vouchers to assist counties. Director Holm reported that MVTF will meet with DTMB, Tuesday, August 18, 2020 to continue with the MVTF Strategic Planning Sessions. Director Holm also reported that the MVAA is currently on a hiring freeze due to COVID-19 and that the new analyst position for MVTF is currently on hold due to that hiring freeze.

**New Business**

None

**MVTF Board Activities**

None

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**MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm reported that the MVTF will train new volunteers in the MVAA Buddy to Buddy Coordinator program who will be assisting with taking Emergency Grant Applications when a county agent is unavailable to take applications.

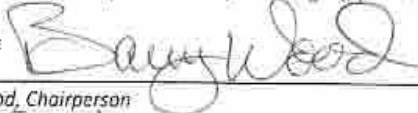
**Good of the Order**

Director Holm received an email from Wynette Adamson-SEMA, MVAA, thanking and praising Lonnie Riley, MVTF Technician, for all of his assistance and positive attitude.

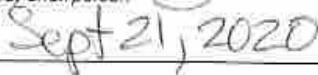
**Adjourn**

A MOTION to adjourn (Carol Hebert/James Tighe), passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Approved:



Barry Wood, Chairperson



Date