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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 14, 2021
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Thomas Smith, excused
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Jill Mathews, excused
Trustee Edward Hirsch, excused
Trustee Paul McIvor, present
Lindell Holm, Director present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance – Yes

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

Introduction of Guests

MVAA Director Zaneta Adams, Vietnam Veterans of America Michigan State Council Legislative Director Jack G. Devine, and Vietnam Veterans of America Detroit Chapter 9 President Paul Palazzolo.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes, of November 9, 2021, passed and carried.

A total of 13 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case 26 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace and air conditioning unit in the amount of \$6,201.00 in an interim decision.

Case 27 (Region 5, Bay County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for dental work in the amount up to \$5,178.00.

Case 28 (Region, County)

Missing

Case 29 (Region 10, Macomb County)

Resolved

Case 30 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$4,967.81.

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- Case 31** (Region 5, Gladwin County) Moved to next month
- Case 32** (Region 5, Midland County) Moved to next month
- Case 33** (Region 4, Muskegon County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new septic system in the amount of \$16,450.00 in an interim decision.
- Case 34** (Region 6, Lapeer County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,759.00.
- Case 35** (Region 3, Iosco County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$11,400.00.
- Case 36** (Region 10, Wayne County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$2,800.54.
- Case 37** (Region 4, Mecosta County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$3,419.00. The remaining portion of \$1,500.00 will be paid by the applicant.
- Case 38** (Region 5, Saginaw County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$1,226.53, heat/electric in the amount of \$429.37 and vehicle payments in the amount of \$1,221.53.
- Case 39** (Region 10, Wayne County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent mortgage and escrow in the amount of \$4,005.26.
- Case 40** (Region 1, Chippewa County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle payments in the amount of \$774.13, 2nd vehicle payments in the amount of \$2,147.52, electric in the amount of \$135.12 and rent in the amount of \$1,200.00.
- Case 41** (Region 5, Gladwin County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,395.00 and propane set up in the amount of \$813.73 in an interim decision.
- Case 42** (Region 4, Mason County)
- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$4,500.00 contingent upon the remaining portion being paid in the amount of \$4,585.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was 8 for **\$54,194.50**

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the December 14, 2021, case discussion, passed, and carried, in the amount of \$54,194.50.

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Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to approve the County & District Committee Appointments and County Agents approval presented passed and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

Director Holm reported that he would like to move the agent for Saginaw County to a more appropriate location with greater visibility for veterans. He is looking at the YMCA Building located in Saginaw and has spoken to the YMCA director who has provided a proposal that includes full support for our agent and appropriate office space for a reasonable monthly fee. This space is available January 2022.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Barry Wood) to approve \$300.00 per month rental fee for the new Saginaw County office, was presented, passed, and carried.

New Business

VVA Legislative Director Jack Devine and Paul Palazzolo gave an update on the VVA of Detroit and their mission and presented the MVTF with a check in the amount of \$7,500.00 in honor of the MVTF's 75th Anniversary. MVAA Director Adams thanked VVA for their contribution and also thanked the MVTF Board for their dedication and contributions they have made to the MVTF and the Veteran community. A brief discussion followed. Director Adams discussed the upcoming Women's Veterans Stakeholder Leader Summit being held in June 2022. MVAA Director Adams addressed the exceptional service awards presented to Department Tech Lonnie Riley and Departmental Analyst Dawn Shinaver. MVTF Director Holm updated the Board on the status of the Foods4Vets program and the press release on the MVTF 65+ Peacetime Pilot Program. A brief discussion followed.

MVTF Board Activities

Chairperson Dempsey gave an update on the status of Avalon Housing in Ann Arbor for homeless veterans and gave an overview of the program move in dates and sponsorship opportunities for this program.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm and Chairperson Dempsey plan on attending the upcoming National Association of State Department Veterans Affairs conference scheduled for February 2022. Director Holm attended the USS Arizona Memorial Dedication in Jackson, Michigan on December 7th and the Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur Lab pitch competition held in Grand Rapids on December 6th.

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None

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Public Comments

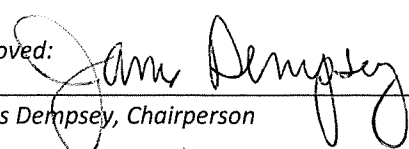
None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date