



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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DIRECTOR

MINUTES

MVTF BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

June 9, 2020

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson Barry Wood, present
Vice Chairperson Robert Williams, present
Trustee James Tighe, absent
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee James Dempsey, absent
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 10:36 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

MVTF Agent Ginger McInnis (Saginaw)
Veteran Service Officer Ross Ahlich (Midland)

Public Comments

The guests provided updates on the flooding in their counties and its impact on veterans. The Board thanked them for their service in assisting veterans and emphasized the intent for the MVTF to provide emergency grants as quickly as possible to eligible veterans with emergent needs.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Robert Williams) to approve the Public Minutes, of May 12, 2020, passed and carried.

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A MOTION to proceed with option #2 of the minutes presented (Robert Williams/Carol Hebert), passed and carried.

There were no personal hearings conducted at the June 9, 2020 emergent need work session.

A total of 7 appeals and reviews were considered

Case 202 (Region 3, Roscommon)

Resolved

Case 203 (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$3,290.00

Case 204 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,100.00 and heat and electric in the amount of \$236.74. The remaining requests for rent in the amount of \$1,100.00, vehicle insurance in the amount of \$353.43, water bill in the amount of \$67.77, and heat and electric in the amount of \$581.91 were disapproved.

Case 205 (Region 8, St. Joseph County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for completed vehicle repair in the amount of \$1,252.01.

Case 206 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for the high priority home repairs in the amount of \$19,000.00. The remaining requests for home repairs mold remediation in the amount of \$7,000.00, basement waterproofing in the amount of \$21,000.00, medium priority repairs in the amount of \$4,000.00 and lower priority repairs in the amount of \$800.00 were disapproved.

Case 207 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a boiler system in the amount of \$7,475.00.

Case 208 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a stairlift in the amount of \$12,839.00.

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Carol Hebert) 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 nine for **\$45,511.07.**

Accounting Report

None.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None.

Unfinished Business

Director Holm reported that the MVAA/MVTF physical office will remain closed through the end of July 2020. Holm suggested that consideration should be given to hold the July 14, 2020 MVTF Board Meeting via TEAMS. Holm added that the MVTF Board may also want to also consider the option to find a day in August to continue in-person strategic planning meetings.

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Carol Hebert) to approve conducting the July 14, 2020 Board Meeting via TEAMS, passed, and carried.

New Business

Director Holm reported on the creation of an Ad Hoc Regional Committee to join the existing regions in the Regional Model Program. Director Holm gave a brief overview of the newly revised Buddy to Buddy program, adding that the new Buddy Coordinators will be trained to assist the MVTF in the application process when needed. Director Holm reported that the MVAA will be hosting a Virtual Coffee Hour June 11, 2020, from Noon -1 p.m., topic of discussion will be women's resources. Holm reported that he will be meeting with GreenPath next week and that the Consumers Mailing Promotion in collaboration with the MVAA Resource Center and the MVTF will be mailed to veterans in the Grand Rapids area first then will continue to other central locations later. Director Holm also provided an update of Habitat for Humanity assessments and their collaboration with the MVTF.

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Carol Hebert) to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Regional Committee, passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

None.

MVTF Staff Activities

None

Good of the Order

Director Holm reported that he had received a generous gift for the MVTF from the family of a WWII Marine Veteran. Corporal Manley Cox left high school to join the Marines at age 17. He served with the 5th Marine Division with whom he fought on Iwo Jima where he witnessed the famous flag raising on Mt. Suribachi. 70 years later, Director Holm assisted Corporal Cox to receive his high school diploma. Corporal Manley Cox passed away in March 2020.

Adjourn

A MOTION to adjourn (Carol Hebert/Thomas Smith), passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Approved: 

Barry Wood, Chairperson

July 27, 2020

Date