



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING

May 12, 2020

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson Barry Wood, present
Vice Chairperson Robert Williams, present
Trustee James Tighe, absent
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Jim Dempsey, present
Trustee Jill Mathews, absent
Trustee Thomas Smith, present
Lindell Holm, Director present
Carolyn Harden, present
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst

Chairperson Wood called the meeting to order at 10:30 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

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Robert Williams) to approve the Public Minutes, of April 14, 2020, passed and carried.
A MOTION (James Dempsey/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes, of March 4, 2020, passed and carried

There were no personal hearings conducted at the April 14, 2020 emergent need work session. A total of 21 appeals and reviews were considered.

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Case 171 (Region 3, Alpena)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for furnace in the amount of \$3,700.00 or \$2,700.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 172 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$4,800.00.

Case 173 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,650.00. The heat and electric request in the amount of \$2,778.20 is not approved. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 174 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$2,140.00.

Case 175 (Region 3, Montmorency County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$7,800.00.

Case 176 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$2,500.00. 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 177 (Region 4A, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new septic field only in the amount of \$5,000.00 contingent upon payment of the remainder. The remaining portion of the request for \$10,500.00 is disapproved. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

Case 178 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new well in the amount of \$5,000.00 and delinquent propane in the amount of \$1,500.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable you to resume your financial responsibilities. Your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 179 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for property taxes for 2015 in the amount of \$1,371.47, 2016 in the amount of \$3,209.37 and 2017 in the amount of \$2,915.86. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 180 (Region 10, Oakland County)

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Case 181 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for front porch railings in the amount of \$380.00.

Case 182 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in an interim decision for dental work in the amount of \$4,595.00.

Case 183 (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,064.00. The remaining request for electric in the amount of \$227.69 is disapproved. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 184 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,700.00. The remaining request for electric in the amount of \$715.07 is disapproved. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 185 (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$8,990.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 186 (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,875.00.
- disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$3,901.75. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. Your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 187 (Region 9, Jackson County)

Administrative Withdrawal

Case 188 (Region 1C, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$2,508.29, garbage in the amount of \$88.74, home phone in the amount of \$89.24, propane in the amount of \$809.98 and cable in the amount of \$499.02. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

Case 189 (Region 4A, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for electric in the amount of \$860.03. The request for mortgage in the amount of \$2,000.57 or \$919.64 was disapproved. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

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Case 190 (Region 2, Benzie County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in an interim decision for a new well in the amount of \$4,802.50.

Case 191 (Region 4A, Allegan County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$2,019.97. The remaining requests for water/sewer in the amount of \$14.03, electric in the amount of \$43.82 and heating gas in the amount of \$123.65. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 192 (Region 2, Manistee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$8,500.00 contingent upon the remainder being paid.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Robert Williams) to accept the emergency grant approvals and disapprovals that were made in the closed session on April 14, 2020, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was fifteen for **\$27,796.50**.

There were no personal hearings conducted at the May 12, 2020 emergent need work session. A total of 9 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case 193 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Case 194 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$4,242.88 and vehicle payment in the amount of \$644.17. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

Case 195 (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$3,524.16. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and disapproved your request because more information is required by the Board for your application.

Case 196 (Region 8, Van Buren County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof over your home and deck porch in the amount of \$5,330.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. Your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 197 (Region 7, Eaton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$2,046.78, cell phone in the amount of \$269.79, propane in the amount of \$259.45, electric in the amount of \$166 and internet in the amount of \$56.99.

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Case 198 (Region 8, Branch County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent medical foster care payments in the amount of \$2,680.00.

Case 199 (Region 4A, Mason County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for new roof in the amount of \$7,300.00.

Case 200 (Region 1A, Ontonagon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2016 property taxes in the amount of \$1,340.38 and 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$1,569.84. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 201 (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$3,290.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

A MOTION (James Dempsey/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and disapprovals that were made in the closed session on May 12, 2020, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was four for **\$15,479.01.**

Accounting Report

Reviewed without comment.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None

Unfinished Business

Director Holm gave an update on the MVTF Strategic Planning status, adding that once the Governor's mandated restrictions are lifted, in person discussion will continue. Director Holm discussed the Consumers Assistance Program and that it is designed for all veterans. The MVTF will be sending out a mailing highlighting services available to veterans that fall within certain zip codes.

New Business

Director Holm discussed the possibility of using video conferencing as a possible option for veterans to use as a personal hearing option versus traveling to the board meeting if the veteran falls within a certain mile range from where the MVTF Board meeting is being held. Director Holm reported that the MVAA Regional Coordinator

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Program has been dissolved due to the budget restrictions as a direct result from the COVID19 epidemic. Holm's also reported that the County Veteran Service Fund Grant Program that is currently in effect will remain as funds had already been allocated but added that it may not be in existence for the following fiscal year.

MVTF Board Activities

None

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that May 14, 2020 the MVAA will be hosting a "Virtual Coffee Hour" where he will give an update on MVTF grants and how COVID19 has affected or will continue to affect the grant process.

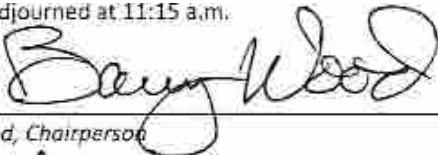
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Director Holm read "thank you" letters to the MVTF Board for grant assistance that was received from Marla Mason and Erin M. Breverick.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved:



Barry Wood, Chairperson

Date

July 27, 2020