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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
LANSING

ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

February 9, 2021

Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Wood called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance – Yes

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
Ryan Engle, Partnership Coordinator, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency
Tyler Woodrow, Senior Investment Manager, Department of Treasury Investments
Nicholas Whitman, Investment Department of Department of Treasury Investments

Public Comments

MVAA Director Adams reported that the MVAA has a representative on Project Michigan to represent veterans to ensure all information is getting to them. Director Adams provided the MVTF Board the MVAA Annual Report and a brief discussion followed. Director Adams also reported that the MVAA is working on a Vietnam War Memorial Day. More information to follow but she indicated that the MVAA will be sending postcards to commemorate Vietnam War Memorial Day to veterans as a way of thanking them for their service. Director Adams reported that the three top calls that the MVAA has been receiving aside from DD-214's are as follows; food assistance, request for assistance with obtaining VA medical benefits, and request for VA benefits in general. Director Adams reported that they will be rolling out the Food4Vets Program this month. Director Adams gave a brief update on MVAA moving to new location and possible return to work date sometime in May of 2021. MVAA Ryan Engle updated the MVTF Board on his external partnership role with MVAA. Discussion and questions followed. Tyler Woodrow,

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Treasury Bureau of Investments, and Nicholas Whitman, Treasury Bureau of Investments, presented a slide presentation of the Treasury Report to the MVTF Board. Discussion and questions followed.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (JJ Tighe/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes, of January 12, 2021, passed and carried.

A total of 23 appeals and reviews were considered and discussed

Case 94 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for heat/electric in the amount of \$1,485.00 and paid to prevent shut-off. They disapproved the remaining balance in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Case 95 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electrical work in the amount of \$1,400.00 and a furnace in the amount of \$2,800.00.

Case 96 (Region 10, Wayne County)

Withdrawn

Case 97 (Region 8, Van Buren County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new door and siding in the amount of \$2,758.80.

Case 98 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$2,854.85.

Case 99 (Region 4, Newaygo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a home ramp in the amount of \$6,600.00.

Case 100 (Region 2, Wexford County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a whole home generator from Great Lakes Power Generation in the amount of \$4,685.00 in an interim decision.

Case 101 (Region 4, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Case 102 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for heat/electric in the amount of \$516.79, water/sewer in the amount of \$1,290.30 and rent in the amount of \$3,150.00 in an interim decision.

Case 103 (Region 9, Jackson County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for heat/electric in the amount of \$2,321.25 and rent in the amount of \$4,869.00.

Case 104 (Region 7, Eaton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$2,500.00, electric bill in the amount of \$1,747.80 and new well in the amount of \$6,134.00 in an interim decision.

Case 105 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for the tear out of basement in the amount of \$7,270.00 and the mold removal in the amount of \$500.00 contingent upon an estimate being submitted.

Case 106 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$4,700.00 in an interim decision.

Case 107 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$7,579.60.

Case 108 (Region 6, Lapeer County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a furnace in the amount of \$5,519.00.

Case 109 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$4,040.00.

Case 110 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$2,486.18.

Case 111 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$4,492.60.

Case 112 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$10,453.10.

Case 113 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for heating gas in the amount of \$803.74, electric in the amount of \$321.21 and moving costs up to the amount of \$500.00 once an estimate is received.

Case 114 (Region 10, Wayne County)

Resolved

Case 115 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$2,025.00.

Case 116 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for rent in the amount of \$3,750.00.

Case 117 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$675.00 and heat/electric in the amount of \$2,255.19.

Case 118 (Region 6, Genesee County)

Resolved

Case 119 (Region 3, Crawford County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$17,775.00.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was sixteen for **\$92,650.14**.

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A MOTION (Carol Hebert/James Dempsey) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the February 9, 2021 case discussion, passed, and carried.

Accounting Report

Presented

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

Presented

A MOTION (James Dempsey/Carol Hebert) to accept the appointments presented was made, passed, and carried.

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm gave a brief update on the MVTF draft bylaws and added that the Attorney General's office is reviewing and giving their guidance and assistance. Holm reported that the FTE has been posted and will be open for two weeks, adding that the MVTF is aiming to hire in March. Questions and a brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported that the Food4Vets material was provided to the Board for review and will be distributed via US Mail next week.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm reported on FY 2020 Annual Report and added that the MVTF received a copy via email. Director Holm discussed the possibility for MVTF involvement. Director Holm reviewed the new case sheet that was provided to the MVTF Board and asked the Board to review and consider for future use. Director Holm discussed the role of the counties and how some continue to take applications while others have closed their offices during the pandemic. MVTF discussion followed to consider giving counties the ability to approve Consumers in the amount of \$500.00, as well as raise the limit of their authority to approve cases up to \$3,500.00.

A MOTION (JJ Tighe/James Dempsey) to raise the amount of authority at the county level to approve up to \$500.00 to Consumers Energy and up to \$3,500.00 for grant assistance effective February 9, 2021, passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

Chairperson Wood, Trustee Dempsey, Trustee Hebert and Director Holm will be attending the Commander group meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at the American Legion HQ.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that MVTF staff will begin preparing for the move to the new office building scheduled in April 2021.

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Good of the Order

The MVTF Board held election nominations for MVTF Chairperson and MVTF Vice Chairperson and said goodbye to outgoing member JJ Tighe as well as thanking Chairperson Barry Wood for his role as Chairperson.

A ROLL call vote to approve James Dempsey to serve as Chairperson and Thomas Smith to serve as Vice Chairperson passed and carried.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/James Dempsey) to adjourn passed and carried.

Approved:



Barry Wood, Chairperson

4/8/2021

Date