



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 8, 2022
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Thomas Smith, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Jill Mathews, 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 10:52 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

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes, of February 8, 2022, passed, and carried.

A total of 12 appeals, reviews and reconsiderations were considered.

Case 76 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for sewer repair in the amount of \$7,900.00 and homeowners' insurance deductible in the amount of \$2,550.00 in an interim decision.

Case 77 (Region 4, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a bathroom and sidewalk modifications in the amount of \$9,490.00.

Case 78 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount up to \$7,638.11 in an interim decision.

Case 79 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a foundation repair in the amount of \$9,800.00.

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Case 80 (Region 3, Alpena County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a septic system in the amount of \$8,979.50.

Case 81 (Region 4, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$7,995.00.

Case 82 (Region 3, Presque Isle County)

Moved

Case 83 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$785.39 and new tires in the amount of \$464.00.

Case 84 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a foundation repair in the amount of \$13,167.98.

Case 85 (Region 3, Montmorency County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for land contract payments and property taxes in the amount of \$10,351.02 and homeowners' insurance in the amount of \$141.20.

Case 86 (Region 8, Berrien County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$9,060.00.

Case 87 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount up to \$9,000.00 contingent upon employment verification and proof of insurance provided to the State office.

Case 8 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for additional roofing materials in the amount up to \$3,335.00 for reconsideration.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was seven for **\$69,265.33**

A total of 1 appeal, review and reconsiderations were considered for Peacetime 65+

Case 3 65+ Peacetime (Region 4, Mason County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$5,908.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$5,908.00**

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the March 8, 2022, case discussion, passed, and carried, in the amount of \$75,173.33.

Accounting Reports

Presented

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County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Barry Wood\Carol Hebert) to approve the County & District Committee Appointments presented, passed, and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm updated the Board on the progress of the Salesforce electronic application. Director Holm reported that a speaker has been secured for the May 11-12, 2022, Veteran Leadership Summit hosted by the MVAA and to be held in Lansing. Director Holm also reported that there is a new Oakland County Agent in place and once fully trained, will be taking applications soon. Director Holm reminded the Board that our next board meeting is scheduled on April 12th at the Zero Day facility in Battle Creek and the May Board Meeting has been changed from May 10th to May 11th to coincide with the Leadership Summit. Holm updated the Board on the Food4Vets vouchers, adding that they have been sent out to the 16 counties that have requested them.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVTF staff will be holding training in regions 4 and 9 in April to wrap-up training in those regions. Holm reported he is planning to give a brief on the MVTF to the Michigan Association of Counties on the status of the Trust Fund in April 2022. MVAA is requesting any legislative action requests that MVTF may want to see to be submitted to the MVAA for potential proposals to the legislature. MVTF Director Holm asked the Board to consider a method to expedite approval of additional costs that are beyond a previously approved grant amount.

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to approve a procedure whereby approved grants that overrun the amount approved by more than 20 percent may be approved for the additional amount by the chairman or vice-chairman, passed, and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

Chairperson Dempsey updated the Board on the NASDVA Conference that he attended in Washington D.C. last month, adding that it was very successful. A brief discussion followed highlighting the conference. MVTF Director Holm reported that he has been in contact with the Governor's office regarding the term limits of the MVTF Board and the status of those appointments.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm attended the Veterans Story Project on February 25th that was broadcast on a Face Book live event where he provided an update of the Trust Fund. MVTF analyst Erik Napieralski reported that he provided a list to the county committee members of all of the vacancies of upcoming appointments and or reappointments to the DAV, American Legion, AmVets, and VFW. Director Holm read a "thank you" letter to the MVTF Board thanking the Board and specifically Jessica Green for her dedication to their case.

Good of the Order

MVTF Director Holm and Chairperson Dempsey presented outgoing Trustee and former Chairperson Barry Wood a certificate honoring his time on the MVTF Board and thanked him for his dedication to the MVTF Board and to all Michigan veterans.

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Public Comments

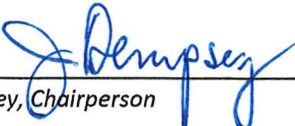
None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

4-12-22

Date