



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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GRETCHEN WHITMER
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ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 11, 2021

Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Vice Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance – Yes

Vice Chairperson Smith 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 thanked the Board of Trustees for their donation for the Food 4 Vets Program. She also thanked them for the tuition assistance grant pledge.

Director Adams stated the VA Medical Centers will have signage throughout their facilities warning to prevent sexual harassment. Also, they are placing MVAA postcards in every Narcan kit distributed to emergency personnel. They are working with the court systems for MVAA assistance signage at their locations so veterans and families know how to contact the MVAA for assistance.

Director Adams stated that the office relocation to JFHQ is saving the MVAA \$161,000 a year.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Edward Hirsch/Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes, of April 13, 2021, passed and carried.

A total of 8 appeals and reviews were considered and discussed

Case 157 (Region 3, Alcona County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new gutters in the amount of \$1,845.00.

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None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVTF Department Technician position was posted and closes for applicants tomorrow.

Director Holm gave overview of the MVTF draft by-laws with discussion of considering the Attorney General's recommendation of adding a public comment section to the end of the meeting and limited the public comments to 3 minutes each.

A MOTION Barry Wood/Jill Mathews to accept the by-laws, was made, passed, and carried.

Trustee Wood would like to start meeting with more groups to explain what the American Legion does and how it could partner with more business groups.

Director Holm reported that the tuition grant assistance program discussed by the MVAA Director would not begin until the Fall of 2022.

The MVTF office staff will be unpacking on Monday and Tuesday May 17th and 18th at the new location at the Joint Forces Headquarters.

Director Holm and Erik met with Habitat For Humanity in Detroit to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration. They have a goal of rehabbing 16 homes in Detroit this year.

New Business

Director Holm reported that DMVA is reviewing the grant agreement for the Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur Lab (MVE).

Michigan Realtors Association donated \$30,000 to the Trust Fund and they would like to have volunteers help in any way that they can. Director Holm intends to connect them with Habitat For Humanity for volunteer opportunities.

The MVTF staff will be reviewing and possibly signing an agreement for electronic signatures. The MVTF is closer to having an electronic application that will include a webpage where the county agents can retrieve the application and submit all the documents through to Sales Force directly.

MVTF Board Activities

Director Holm reported that on April 26th Chairperson Dempsey attended the MVE lab as a judge and announced that the Board of Trustees approved a grant for the lab.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm updated the MVTF Board on possible virtual training in July.

Good of the Order

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Case 158 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new roof in the amount of \$6,400.00.

Case 159 (Region 1, Menominee County)

Resolved

Case 160 (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$7,746.25.

Case 161 (Region 10, Wayne County)

Moved to next month

Case 162 (Region 9, Monroe County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new septic system in the amount of \$22,000.00.

Case 163 (Region 4b, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle payments in the amount of \$670.00 and past due vehicle insurance in the amount of \$134.70.

Case 164 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

Moved to next month

Case 165 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for water/sewer in the amount of \$3,453.75 and heat/electric in the amount of \$1,094.76.

Case 166 (Region 7, Ingham County)

Moved to next month

Case 167 (Region 1a, Ontonagon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for June and July's mortgage in the amount of \$2,062.64 and June and July's vehicle payments in the amount of \$688.58.

Case 168 (Region 4b, Muskegon County)

Moved to next month

Case 169 (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$3,100.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was two for **\$24,751.22**.

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Edward Hirsch) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the May 11, 2021 case discussion, passed, and carried.

Accounting Report

Presented

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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Trustee Hebert stated on Memorial Day weekend the Rolling Thunder group normally organizes the ride on the US Capitol in Washington DC but the AMVETS is doing the staging in a parking lot.

Director Holm will provide the Board of Trustees with the new office location and stated that they do not have to go through the Guard and gate to park. They have a visitor's lot where they can park.


Trustee McIvor attended Robert Williams (former trustee) funeral service last Saturday to represent the MVTF.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson

08-2-21
Date