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Adam Holier
DIRECTOR

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

March 14, 2023

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Thomas Smith, excused
Trustee James Wallace, present
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
VACANT Trustee
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Chairperson Dempsey received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act

Introduction of Guests

Shorouq Almallah, Director – GVSU Seidman College of Business,
Michael Hyacinthe, Ambassador/Sr. Instructor, MVE Lab-Lead Instructor & Ambassador GVSU

A presentation of the GVSU Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur Lab was provided. Information and statistics on how the impact of the MVTF grant had contributed to their achievements over the last four years as well as their innovating ideas for the coming year. A brief discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/ Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes of February 14, 2023, passed and carried.

A total of 13 appeals/reviews and one 65+ Peacetime application was reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case 6P (Region 7, Clinton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$2,950.02 and heat/electric in the amount of \$934.44.

Case 88 (Region 8, Berrien County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$10,833.50.

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Case 89 (region 4, Mecosta County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well in the amount of \$9,088.00.

Case 90 (Region 4, Allegan County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage and a 2nd mortgage reinstatement in the amount of \$8,532.85.

Case 93 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a furnace in the amount of \$5,800.00 in an interim decision.

Case 94 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$16,200.00.

Case 95 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new oil boiler in the amount of \$5,670.00 in an interim decision on 3-13-2023. The remaining portion of \$2,000.00 will be paid by you.

Case 96 (Region 10, Wayne County)

Moved

Case 97 (Region 9, Livingston County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for insulation and attic repairs in the amount of \$7,758.58, new well tank in the amount of \$1,789.00 and new sliding glass door \$4,100.00.

Case 98 (Region 9, Livingston County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for dental work in the amount of \$10,086.00.

Case 99 (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,447.31.

Case 100 (Region 2, Antrim County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new windows and doors in the amount of \$18,123.00.

Case 101 (Region 8, Cass County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$7,500.00 in an interim decision.

Case 102 (Region 8, Berrien County)

Withdrawn

Case 103 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$5,833.50.

Case 104 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new septic drain field in the amount of \$5,900.00 in an interim decision.

A total of 14 appeals and reviews were considered.

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was five for **\$34,956.00**.

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The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero for **\$0**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the March 14, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$34,956.00**.

Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the County & District Committee Appointments presented, passed and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

Director Holm asked the Board to clarify that counties may apply for and receive rebates from SEEL and CLEARRESULT that are available because of eligible expenditures purchased by the MVTF through an emergency grant. This rebate would go directly to the county whereby giving the county more money to assist veterans in need in their county. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve counties to apply for and receive rebates from SEEL and CLEARRESULT that are available because of eligible expenditures purchased by the MVTF through an emergency grant, passed and carried.

New Business

Director Holm would like the MVTF Board to consider adding widows and surviving spouses of qualified deceased veterans to the MVTF 65+ Peacetime Program. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (James Wallace/Paul McIvor) to add widows and surviving spouses of qualified Peacetime-era veterans 65 and older to be eligible for the MVTF 65+ Peacetime Program, passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

Chairperson Dempsey and Director Holm both gave an update on their recent trip to Virginia for the NASDVA Conference. Chairperson Dempsey also updated the board on his DAV Midwinter conference which was held in Washington D.C. to discuss their 2023 policy goals for Congress. Trustee Hebert traveled to Washington DC to meet with congressional offices for the yearly "Hill" visits also to discuss their 2023 policy goals.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

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MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that he will be traveling to Iowa for the Warrior Rising Program which is scheduled for March 24-25, 2023. Holm also gave overview of the Senate Hearing briefing where he presented on behalf of the MVTF last week. MVTF Outreach Analyst, Erik Naperalski will be attending the American Legion informational meeting in Owosso on April 10, 2023.

Good of the Order

Director Holm read a thank you letter to the MVTF Board for their emergency grant assistance emphasizing how thankful the veteran and his wife were for the extra special attention they received from Dawn Shinaver and Jessica Green.

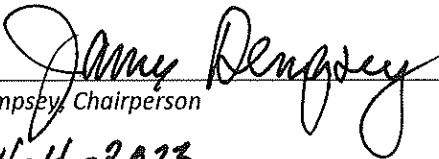
Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/James Wallace) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved: 

James Dempsey, Chairperson

4-4-2023

Date