



STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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Brian Love
DIRECTOR

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 7, 2023
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Gregory Spight, present
Trustee James Wallace, present
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Vacancy
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:56 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

None

Accounting Reports

Presented.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes of October 10, 2023, passed and carried.

A total of 22 appeals/reviews and no 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case TFGA 0099 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$22,649.00.

Case TFGA 0129 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$31,447.36.

Case TFGA 0132

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$12,652.92.

Case TFGA 0143

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$12,302.62.

Case TFGA 0147

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,314.00.

Case TFGA 0169

Withdrawn.

Case TFGA 0170

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,200.00.

Case TFGA 0190

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Case TFGA 0200

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$38,653.00.

Case TFGA 0203

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,700.00.

Case TFGA 0208

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,857.67.

Case TFGA 0210

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,320.79.

Case TFGA 0212

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$11,980.00.

Case TFGA 0223

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$12,687.46.

Case TFGA 0228

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$12,848.00.

Case TFGA 0245

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$14,940.00.

Case TFGA 0252

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,693.50.

Case TFGA 0253

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,810.00.

Case TFGA 0256 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$7,400.00.

Case TFGA 0267

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

Case TFGA 0284

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$14,975.00.

Case TFGA 0299

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3,090.63.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was thirteen for **\$103,248.26**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul Mclvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the November 7, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$103,248.26**.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul Mclvor) to forgive repayment of ineligible application payment for case TFGA-0019, passed and carried.

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported on SalesForce application, stating that the online application project is getting closer to a solution for the signature portion of the online application and for committee voting. Director Holm discussed the 2024 MVTF Board Meeting calendar dates. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/James Wallace) to accept the proposed MVTF Board Meeting dates with one change to the November meeting from November 12, 2024, to November 7, 2024, passed and carried.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that Brian Love has been named the new MVAA Director and that has created a vacancy on the MVTF Board of Trustees. Holm added that there are upcoming appointments with term dates of February 2024. Holm reported that if those board members whose term dates are coming to an end would like to be considered to serve again, they must fill out a new application with the Governor's office. Director Holm also reported that the MVTF will post a new technician 9 position and once the applications have been reviewed for this position, interviews can begin.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/James Wallace) to approve the new MVTF Tech 9 position, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Board Vice Chairperson Mclvor reported that he attended a veteran appreciation dinner hosted by high school students from Caro, N. Branch, Marlette, and Sandusky on October 28, 2023. Vice Chairperson Mclvor also

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attended a Yale area football league fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser went to the Chesterfield Veterans Home. MVTF Trustee Loonsfoot is coordinating with Baraga and L'Anse Schools Toys for Tots which will benefit approximately 1800-2000 children in those districts, adding that L'Anse will also be donating proceeds to the Jacobetti Veterans Home. Chairperson Loonsfoot also reported that he was asked by Baraga County to speak on Veterans Day. Trustee Hebert reported that she traveled to Pennsylvania for an AMVets event.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm reported that he attended the Veteran's Gala where MVTF staff person Dawn Shinaver received the DMVA Employee of the Year award. Director Holm also reported on upcoming MVTF committee training days. A brief discussion followed. Holm also attended a Forgotten Eagles event where the MVTF was awarded a generous donation in the amount of \$1,000.00. MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski reported that he attended the MVAA Women's Conference October 19, 2023, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan Conference October 24-26, 2023, and the DMVA Leadership Conference November 4-6, 2023. A brief discussion followed.

Good of the Order

Chairperson Dempsey proposed the MVTF Board to consider a Holiday Luncheon for the Board and MVTF staff after the December Board meeting. A brief discussion followed.

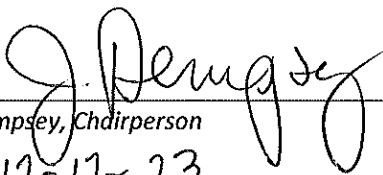
Public Comments

None

Adjourn

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

Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Approved: 
James Dempsey, Chairperson
12-12-23

Date