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DIRECTOR

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

November 7, 2022

Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:40 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

MVAA Director Zaneta Adams

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/James Wallace) to approve the Public Minutes of October 11, 2022, passed and carried.

A total of 26 appeals/reviews and one 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case 87 (Region 10, Macomb/Wayne County) began in Macomb and moved to Wayne

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reconsidered your application and partially approved your application for the vehicle purchase in the amount up to \$6,000.00.

Case 167 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$17,759.00.

Case 178 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$15,965.00.

Case 4 (Region 3, Iosco County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for insulation in the amount of \$5,134.00 and new windows in the amount of \$7,494.74 in an interim decision.

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Case 9 (Region 8, Cass County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$4,840.00.

Case 15 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace and a/c unit in the amount of \$5,700.00.

Case 16 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,984.00 in an interim decision.

Case 17 (Region 1, Dickinson County)

Withdrawn

Case 18 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for new windows in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Case 19 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for new windows in the amount of \$2,850.00.

Case 20 (Region 1, Menominee County)

Resolved

Case 21 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$6,083.00.

Case 22 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a foundation repair in the amount of \$24,550.00.

Case 23 (Region 4, Mason County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for doors and windows in the amount of \$5,493.00.

Case 24 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$11,973.00.

Case 25 (Region 4, Ionia County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new engine in the amount of \$8,767.84 and multiple vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,718.79.

Case 26 (Region 3, Otsego County)

Withdrawn

Case 27 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$5,125.00 in an interim decision.

Case 28 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$6,306.74.

Case 29 (Region 4, Kent County)

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$5,002.00.

Case 30 (Region 5, Bay County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mobility chair in a vehicle in the amount of \$10,522.28.

Case 31 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

Moved to next month

Case 32 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new windows in the amount of \$15,027.00.

Case 33 (Region 1, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for the sewer line only in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Case 34 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle purchase in the amount of \$9,999.80.

Case 35 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$1,815.00 and DTE in the amount of \$1,013.55.

Case 1P (Region 1, Houghton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$6,500.00 in an interim decision.

A total of 27 appeals and reviews were considered

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was twelve for **\$90,344.74**

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$6,500.00**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the November 7, 2022, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of \$96,844.74.

Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

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Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Lindell Holm reported on the UPCAP food assistance program (handouts provided). Director Holm gave a brief update on the new Sales Force electronic application, adding that it is set to go "live" the week of November 17, 2022. Holm reported that there are a handful of County agents that will be testing the new application trying to flush out areas that may need further attention before it goes out for all to use. The plan is to roll this out to all counties after the beginning of the new year. Director Holm stated that there are still counties that have not responded to the request to sign up for the new application once it goes live so MVTF will be following up with those counties. Director Holm also reported that the money allocated for this covered FY22 and that there is some leftover and that will be carried over into FY23 but added that additional funding may be needed for FY23.

New Business

Director Holm reported that MVAA Deputy Director Near has a potential concept of a program that would help veterans needing assistance to and from medical appointments. After providing an overview of the program that would involve reimbursing a network of volunteers that will pick up veterans and take them to and from their appointments, the Board consensus was that Director Holm should continue looking into the feasibility of this program with the intent to present a proposal for funding to the Board. Director Holm pointed out that a program such as this could directly help veterans that often apply to the MVTF for vehicle purchases intended to provide transportation to their medical appointments. MVTF analyst Erik Naperialski updated the board on his recent attendance to the Habit for Humanity Conference, adding that the Board may want to consider giving H4H one grant per year or possibly a quarterly donation to assist veterans with such things as roofs, lead and/or asbestos abatement. A brief discussion followed. MVAA Director Adams gave an update on the MVAA Gala and upcoming veteran activities. Director Adams also discussed the PACT Act, a new law that expands VA health care benefits to veterans who have been exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances and how to use it to better serve the veteran community, adding that there are 10,500 National Guard Members and Reserve members that could benefit from the Pact Act as well.

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Chairperson Dempsey and Trustee McIvor reported that they attended the MVAA Gala. Trustee Wallace reported that he has been working with the American Legion guard in Indianapolis (in conjunction with NASCAR) to assist veterans to get connected to benefits they have earned and may not be aware of adding that he would like to get more youth involved in this effort.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that he attended the first MVE Lab luncheon in Grand Rapids and gave a brief overview of the event. Director Holm also attended the Veterans Day Parade in Detroit and the new VSO office opening in Saginaw at the YMCA. MVTF Director Holm also reported on Spartan Nash and Food4 Vets food boxes for the upcoming Holidays. Holm added that Berrien, Kalamazoo, Van Buren, and Barry counties will be participating. MVTF Analyst Napieralski attended the MVAA DD214 disbursement event in Grayling.

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Chairperson Dempsey reported that MVTF Trustee Hebert will be inducted into the Veteran Hall of Honor on November 18, 2022, in Lansing Michigan.

Public Comments

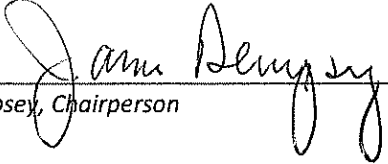
None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

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

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson


Date