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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
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Adam Holier  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
September 12, 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  
Trustee Brian Love, present  
Lindell Holm, Director, present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:38 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**

Michael Wilson, Executive Director – VFW National Home  
Meghan Mitchell, Public Relations and Event Coordinator – VFW National Home

**Accounting Reports**

Presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes of August 8, 2023, passed and carried.

**A total of 11 appeals/reviews and no 65+ Peacetime application were reviewed in a closed case discussion.**

**Case TFGA 0058 (Region 4, Ottawa County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent and auto payment in the amount of \$1,558.31.

**Case TFGA-0059 (Region 6, St. Clair County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent t in the amount of \$6,332.00.

**Case TFGA-0060 (Region 2, Antrim County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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**Case TFGA-0064 (Region 4, Kent County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$5,000.00.

**Case TFGA-0072 (Region 4, Kent County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a used vehicle purchase in the amount of \$6,601.00.

**Case TFGA-0073 Appeal (Region 4, Kent County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle purchase, internet and phone in the amount of \$6,676.85.

**Case TFGA-0087 Appeal (Region 10, Wayne County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for heat and electric in the amount of \$5,431.66.

**Case TFGA-0088 Appeal (Region 10, Oakland County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$650.00.

**Case TFGA-0102 (Region 9, Monroe County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent and electric in the amount of \$3,378.00.

**Case TFGA-0103 (Region 1, Chippewa County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repair in the amount of \$5,290.00.

**Case TFGA-0109 (Region 6, Lapeer County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repair in the amount of \$19,911.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was four for **\$10,000.00**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for **\$0.00**.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Greg Spight) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the August 8, 2023, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$10,000.00**.

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

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

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**Unfinished Business**

MVTF Director Holm gave an update on the status of the Salesforce electronic application and the progress of MVTF staff and testing counties that are currently using it. Holm added that through this testing phase, there have been a few glitches that need to be addressed to DTMB for resolution, specifically the electronic signature portion. MVTF Director Holm discussed the bi-annual training in the U.P., aiming to do those training sessions in the first

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week of October. MVTF board members are invited to attend any or all the scheduled training sessions. A brief discussion followed.

### **New Business**

MVTF Director Holm reported on the proposed FY24 budget (handout provided). Director Holm gave an overview of the updated policy changes (handout provided), specifically highlighting the major policy changes.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the FY24 budget, as presented, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/Carol Hebert) to approve new and updated MVTF policies, as presented, passed and carried.

### **Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

MVTF Director Holm and MVTF Chairperson Dempsey discussed the outcome of the Strategic Programs Sub-Committee meeting held on August 8, 2023. Proposals from Zero Day and Warrior Rising (handouts provided), were recommended for approval to the full Board. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the Strategic Programs Sub-Committee meeting minutes, the Zero Day proposal for FY23, and the Warrior Rising proposal for FY24, passed and carried.

### **MVTF Board Activities**

MVTF Board Trustee Loonsfoot attended a meeting that discussed the proposed replacement site of the J.D. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. A brief discussion followed. Trustee Mclvor reported that he plans on attending his fall conference in Fint on September 28-30.

### **MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Director Holm reported that he attended the MVE Lab kick-off held in Battle Creek on September 22, 2023. Holm provided an overview of the competition and added that the previous MVTF grant has been very beneficial to their past and future success. Director Holm and MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Naperialski will be attending the upcoming MACV Conference in Tawas City. Holm and Naperialski will also be attending a Veteran Friendly Employer and Education summit later in September in Traverse City. Director Holm reported that the MVTF will be starting their bi-yearly training throughout the state on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning in the Upper Peninsula.

### **Good of the Order**

MVTF Trustee James Wallace will not be able to attend the upcoming MVTF Board Meeting scheduled for October 10, 2023. Trustee Loonsfoot attended the National Toys for Tots Coordinator event that was held in Leesburg, Virginia. A brief discussion followed. Trustee Brian Love asked the Board to save the date November 10, 2023, for the Marine Corps Birthday celebration at the Montford Point Marine Corps League Post in Detroit. Information forthcoming.

### **Public Comments**

None

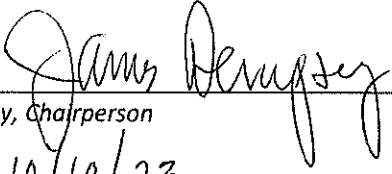
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**Adjourn**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

10/10/23

Date