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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 14, 2021
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
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, present
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance – Yes

Received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to approve the Public Minutes, of August 10, 2021, passed and carried.

A total of 17 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case 202 (Region 1, Marquette County)

Not eligible

Case 203 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$3,616.47. The remaining request for a hot water heater and repair was disapproved in the amount of \$2,393.48 per the veteran's request.

Case 204 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for plumbing repairs in the amount of \$800.00 and mortgage in the amount of \$6,636.52.

Case 205 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$15,051.33.

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Case 206 (Region 9, Jackson County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle payment in the amount of \$2,086.08 and mortgage in the amount of \$4,222.35.

Case 207 (Region 4, Newaygo County)

Resolved

Case 208 (Region 3, Roscommon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle payment in the amount of \$2,086.08 and mortgage in the amount of \$4,222.35.

Case 209 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Case 210 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well in the amount of \$9,232.00.

Case 211 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a mortgage in the amount of \$7,669.53 and utilities in the amount of \$254.11.

Case 212 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a well repair in the amount of \$4,397.66.

Case 213 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for an air conditioning unit in the amount of \$4,940.00.

Case 214 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$1,147.99.

Case 215 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$1,567.50.

Case 216 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$5,583.73.

Case 217 (Region 1, Houghton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle loan pay-off in the amount of \$8,000.00 contingent upon the remaining balance being paid with verification of documents.

Case 218 (Region 4, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a septic system and drain field in the amount of \$8,225.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was 2 for **\$11,616.47**.

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A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the September 14, 2021, case discussion, passed, and carried.

Accounting Report

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to approve the County & District Committee Appointments and County Agents approval presented passed and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reported that the newly hired MVTF Departmental Technician will begin October 3, 2021. Holm reported on the Food4Vets program and also gave an update on how the Committee Member Training sessions have been going. Director Holm also reported that the in-person office plan is to start October 1, 2021, for 1-2 days per week.

New Business

Director Holm reported on the proposed FY 2022 Budget based on the legislature approving the Appropriations Bill, adding that the administration costs will be approximately the same as previous fiscal year. Director Holm gave an update on GreenPath's monthly activity (chart provided). A brief discussion followed. Director Holm discussed the possibility of a report for Habitat For Humanity that he is requesting moving forward. Director Holm addressed the Board about a new program, MiVHAP 65+ which would include peacetime era veterans for grants for housing and utilities, adding that the definition for housing will follow the same guidelines as defined in policy. The MiVHAP 65+ will include surviving spouses 65 and over as well up to \$200,000.00. Holm added that the MiVHAP 65+ program will possibly be announced at the upcoming Military and Veterans Gala in November, as well as mailing policy letters to the counties.

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Carol Hebert) to approve the MiVHAP 65+ program for FY 2022 contingent upon any necessary Attorney General review passed and carried.

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Jill Mathews) to approve the FY 2022 budget contingent upon the passage of the Legislative Appropriations Bill, passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Wood attended the GVSU Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur Lab in Grand Rapids on September 13, 2021. Trustee Wood added that he will continue to participate in upcoming MVE Labs. Chairperson Dempsey reported that he attended the DAV National Convention which was held in Tampa in August 2021.

MVTF Staff Activities

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Director Holm and Erik Napieralski attended the Upper Peninsula State Fair held in Escanaba in July. Erik Napieralski attended the Expungement of Records event held in Muskegon this month.

Director Holm, Carolyn Harden, and Erik Napieralski conducted training in Curtis, MI and Kalamazoo, MI.

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Trustee Wood will disperse Kuwait books at any upcoming veteran related events that he attends.

Public Comments

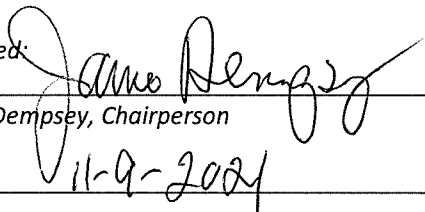
None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date