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DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 9, 2022
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, excused
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Jill Mathews, present
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

Vice Chairperson McIvor called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

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

Introduction of Guests

Zanata Adams, MVAA Director
Lan Chen, Michigan Treasury Investment Officer
Lewis Brody, Michigan Treasury Investment Analyst

Lan Chen gave an overview of the Audit Report to the MVTF Board.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to approve the Public Minutes of July 12, 2022, passed and carried.

A total of 15 appeals and reviews were considered and a total of one review was considered for 65+ Peacetime Program in closed case discussion.

Case 117 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$4,628.35.

Case 147 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a chimney repair in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Case 151 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a heat pump repair in the amount of \$4,885.00.

Case 160 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for DTE electric in the amount of \$328.15 and Consumers heating gas in the amount of \$1,470.59.

Case 161 (Region 4, Newaygo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a bathroom repair and remodel in the amount of \$14,019.00.

Case 162 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for DTE electric in the amount of \$5,270.74.

Case 163 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$1,511.74, association fees in the amount of \$2,386.00 and vehicle payments in the amount of \$2,328.74.

Case 164 (Region 1, Menominee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electrical in the amount of \$11,421.30.

Case 165 (Region 8, Cass County)

Moved to next month

Case 166 (Region 5, Clare County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$10,631.00 in an interim decision.

Case 167 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

Moved to next month

Case 168 (Region 3, Roscommon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace and a/c unit in the amount of \$6,691.00.

Case 169 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electrical work in the amount of \$9,150.00, plumbing work in the amount of \$6,300.00 and joist repairs in the amount of \$1,106.20.

Case 170 (Region 3, Iosco County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new windows and a sliding glass door in the amount of \$25,045.00.

Case 171 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace and a/c unit in the amount of \$7,450.00.

Case 172 (Region 1, Ontonagon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$6,286.00.

A total of 15 appeals and reviews were considered

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The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for was four for \$28,230.75

Case 8P (Region 4, Oceana County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well in the amount of \$14,008.65, doors and flooring in the amount of \$3,576.00 and mortgage in the amount of \$1,053.80.

A total of one review was considered for 65+ Peacetime

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

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the August 9, 2022, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of \$28,230.75.

Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVAA Director Zanata Adams addressed the Board on her recent MVAA activities. Director Adams will be attending the upcoming National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs Conference, adding this conference is really where the MVAA gets a lot of information on best practices. Director Adams reported that there are several States that are looking at the MVTF model for grants to veterans and would like to meet with Director Holm soon. Director Adams reported that MVAA will be doing a lot of VCAT strategic planning with the federal VA to see if they would consider helping fund VCAT. Director Adams reported that she attended the Governor Suicide Prevention Challenge held in Washington D.C. last month and gave an overview on the status of that program, adding that 1.2 million dollars are earmarked for the Governor's Suicide Prevention efforts. Director Adams reported that Michigan will be getting its first State Cemetery in Michigan in Crawford County. Director Adams asked the Board to save the date for the Veterans Gala which will be held on November 5, 2022, at the Lansing Center. Ticket and hotel information for the Gala will be going out soon. MVTF Director Holm gave an update on the status of the MVTF electronic application. A brief discussion followed with Erik Napieralski answering questions pertaining to how this electronic application will improve the overall application process for MVTF and Michigan counties. Director Holm reported that the MVTF has hired a new agent who will be taking applications in and for Wayne County, adding this agent will start taking applications in the next couple of weeks. Director Holm gave clarification of the Attorney General's Office opinion on Board quorum attendance and requirements. The AG's opinion pertains to all the State's Boards and Commissions requirements.

New Business

Director Holm discussed the MVTF FY 2022 budget and discussed the corpus balance. A brief discussion followed.

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MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Director Holm introduced and welcomed the new MVTF Board members James Wallace, and Rodney Loonsfoot (bios were presented). A brief discussion followed. Trustee Mathews will be attending the September 12th MVE Lab in Grand Rapids and Director Holm will be attending the September 13, 2022, MVE Lab being held in Ann Arbor.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm reported that he and Analyst Erik Napieralski will be attending the UP-State Fair, August 15-21, 2022.

Good of the Order

MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVTF received a donation from Forgotten Eagles of Michigan to assist Michigan veterans who are in critical need, adding that they have given a donation to the MVTF for the past 20 years. A brief discussion followed.

Public Comments

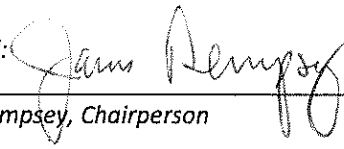
None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Jill Mathews) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date