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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 June 14, 2022
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, excused
 Trustee Paul McIvor, present
 Lindell Holm, Director present
 Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
 Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:05 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

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes, of May 11, 2022, passed, and carried.

A total of 26 appeals, reviews and reconsiderations were considered.

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| Case 112 (Region 10, Macomb County) | Reconsideration |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your additional financial disclosures and determined that you have adequate resources to meet the emergent need. Your application for a sewer line replacement in the amount of \$16,860.00 was disapproved. | |
| Case 114 (Region 3, Ogemaw County) | Moved to next month |
| Case 115 (Region 4, Muskegon County) | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount \$2,526.45. | |
| Case 117 (Region 8, Kalamazoo County) | Moved to next month |
| Case 119 (Region 4, Newaygo County) | Moved to next month |
| Case 120 (Region 7, Ingham County) | |

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for extractions and full dentures in the amount of \$6,072.00.

Case 121 (Region 2, Antrim County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for dental extraction and upper dentures in the amount of \$6,630.00.

Case 122 (Region 1, Mackinac County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for roofing materials in the amount of \$4,359.00.

Case 123 (Region 8, St Joseph County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$5,694.68.

Case 124 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new septic system and drain field in the amount \$22,500.00.

Case 125 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,298.35.

Case 126 (Region 5, Bay County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for basement repairs in the amount \$12,995.00.

Case 127 (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a new septic system and drain field in the amount \$24,200.00.

Case 128 (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for Consumers Energy electric in the amount \$996.78.

Case 129 (Region 5, Bay County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a furnace and A/C unit in the amount of \$8,690.00.

Case 130 (Region 5, Bay County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new house roof in the amount of \$6,877.00.

Case 131 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for water/sewer/garbage in the amount of \$3,730.76.

Case 132 (Region 1, Mackinaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for mortgage pay-off in the amount of \$762.63.

Case 133 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$10,667.78.

Case 134 (Region 6, Genesee County)

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$4,575.00.

Case 135 (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$5,933.25.

Case 136 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$19,250.00.

Case 137 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a porch in the amount of \$13,350.00.

Case 138 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$4,202.08.

Case 139 (Region 2, Antrim County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a vehicle repair in the amount of \$4,661.79.

A total of 22 appeals, reviews and one reconsideration were considered

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for was 22 for **\$88,649.87**.

Case 5P (Region 4, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for Consumers electric in the amount of \$1,334.68 and DTE heating gas in the amount of \$3,908.32.

Case 6P (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new roof in the amount of \$2,000.00.

A total of 1 appeal and 1 review were considered for 65+ Peacetime

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was two for **\$7,243**.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the June 14, 2022, case discussion, passed, and carried, in the amount of \$95,892.87.

Accounting Reports

Presented

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

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MVTF Director Holm asked the MVTF Board to consider clarification of the 65+Peacetime Program age to state that if a veteran turns 65 during the year of application for the program, they would be eligible for the 65+ Peacetime Program. MVTF Director Holm asked the Board to also consider making the 65+ Peacetime Pilot Program a regular program by taking it out of the pilot phase and making it a permanent program. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul Mclvor) to clarify the 65+ Peacetime Program age making the veteran eligible for the program in the year they turn 65, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul Mclvor) to take the 65+ Peacetime Pilot Program from a pilot to become a regular program, passed and carried.

New Business

Director Holm asked the MVTF Board to consider adding Eaton County to membership in region 9, adding that it would be beneficial for the County to move it to regional status since they do not have an agent willing to take applications and no county committee. A brief discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm discussed an opportunity for the MVTF Board to consider VSOs to have their own emergency relieve funds at the State HQ's or at local posts that are used to assist veterans that can demonstrate a need for emergency relief funds. This proposal is for the Board of Trustees to make available to congressionally chartered VSOs that operate emergency assistance programs for veterans/dependents in Michigan a grant that would provide a match contribution of up to 50% of the amount that the VSO provides in individual emergency assistance to veterans/dependents to sustain their emergency assistance programs throughout the year. The MVTF Board is open to discussing the possibility of having discussions with the VSOs currently represented on the Board, to draft a proposed grant that would be agreeable to all while maximizing efficiency for distribution of grant moneys for the MVTF staff for FY 2023. Director Holm presented to the MVTF Board possible options for Board members to order MVTF logo charcoal colored polo shirts (two per person maximum) to be worn at MVTF Board meetings and other veteran events.

A MOTION (Barry Wood/Paul Mclvor) to add Eaton County to Region 9, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul Mclvor) to approve ordering charcoal colored MVTF logo shirts (maximum of two per person), passed and carried.

Sub-Committee Reports

The Strategic Programs Sub-Committee reported that they had received and reviewed a proposal from Zero Day to fund the purchase and a portion of the first-year operating expenses for a mobile food trailer that Zero Day will use to train veterans in managing and operating a food truck/trailer business as a sustainable entrepreneurial training program. This proposal will help to expand Zero Day's current restaurant training program that trains veterans in culinary skills and restaurant operations. The Sub-Committee recommended to the Board that it approve a grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 to Zero Day for the purchase of the food trailer and a portion of the first-year costs to establish this new training program.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/Barry Wood) to fund a grant for Zero Day's mobile food trailer proposal to purchase a mobile food trailer and to fund a portion of the first-year operating costs to train veterans in food truck management and operations as a sustainable business training program for veterans, in the amount of \$150,000.00, passed and carried.

MVTF Board Activities

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Trustee Wood will be attending the Kalamazoo American Legion Convention June 18-19. Chairperson Dempsey reported that the DAV Convention will be held June 26-28th. Chairperson Dempsey indicated that he participated as a judge in the pitch competition held by the MVE Lab's entrepreneurial training program last week, adding that there was great participation and turnout for the event.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm will be attending the upcoming Executive Retreat in Roscommon and the TAG Social in Grayling. MVTF Partnership Analyst Erik Napieralski and MVTF Department Analyst, Dawn Shinaver attended the MVAA Women's event that was held in Lansing.

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None

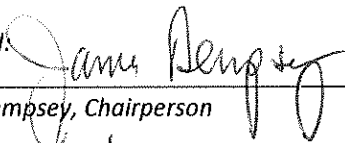
Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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

Approved: 
James Dempsey, Chairperson
6/10/22

Date