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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
October 11, 2022  
***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson James Dempsey, present  
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present  
Trustee Carol Hebert, present  
Trustee Jill Mathews, excused  
Trustee Thomas Smith, excused  
Trustee James Wallace, excused  
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 11:00 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**

Erik Schreur, Veteran Engagement and Compliance Coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. Erik Schreur gave a brief overview of Habitat for Humanity program and how it is benefiting Michigan veterans since collaborating with the MVTF Trust Fund.

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes of September 13, 2022, passed and carried.

**A total of 18 appeals and reviews were considered and a total of one review was considered for 65+ Peacetime Program in closed case discussion.**

**Case 174 (Region 2, Antrim County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well in the amount of \$8,800.00.

**Case 1 (Region 4, Muskegon County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new bathroom in the amount of \$6,400.00.

**Case 2 (Region Macomb County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$1,355.06, electric in the amount of \$583.48, heating gas in the amount of \$267.97 and water in the amount of \$927.70.

**Case 3 (Region 4, Kent County)**

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for sewer plumbing repair in the amount of \$6,880.00.

Case 4 (Region 3, Iosco County)

Moved to next month

Case 5 (Region 6, Genesee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for water in the amount of \$1,081.00 and heat/electric in the amount of \$564.25.

Case 6 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new boiler in the amount of \$9,550.00.

Case 7 (Region 4, Ottawa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a completed vehicle repair in the amount of \$7,522.40.

Case 8 (Region 4, Newaygo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new well in the amount of \$9,338.00.

Case 9 (Region 8, Cass County)

Incomplete

Case 10 (Region 10, Oakland County)

Untimely appeal

Case 11 (Region 4, Ionia County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new engine replacement in the amount of \$8,767.84 and 2nd vehicle multiple repairs in the amount of \$1,718.79.

Case 12 (Region 6, St. Clair County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent in the amount of \$5,131.18.

Case 13 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle payments in the amount of \$1,830.70.

Case 14 (Region Crawford County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new windows and a rear door in the amount of \$10,836.18.

**A total of 18 appeals and reviews were considered**

The total amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was five for **\$29,606.43**.

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

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the October 11, 2022, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of \$29,606.43.

#### Accounting Reports

Presented

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

None

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

None

**Unfinished Business**

MVTF Director Lindell Holm reported that the VVA has offered possible office spaces for the Wayne County VSO in Detroit that may be a better alternative and easier for veterans to access and to park than the current location is, adding that he is waiting until after the Detroit veterans' parade when he can have a conversation with the VVA to determine the availability and logistics considerations. Director Holm reported on the upcoming DMVA Leadership Conference and the GALA, encouraging all Board members to attend. The MVTF board members would like the MVTF to consider paying for lodging if the members would like to attend the events.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to approve overnight travel and ticket expenses for MVTF Board members that would like to attend the Leadership Conference/GALA and that fit the criteria of mileage distance, passed, and carried.

**New Business**

Director Holm reported that Consumers Energy has once again donated to the MVTF specifically for veterans who are seeking assistance with their energy bills, in the amount of \$150,000.00 for FY 23. Director Holm asked the board to consider changing the upcoming November board meeting from November 8<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup> due to a state holiday that falls on November 8, 2022. Holm also handed out the 2023 suggested meeting dates for the board's consideration to be voted on prior to January 2023.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to change the MVTF Board Meeting scheduled on November 8, 2022, to November 7, 2022, passed, and carried.

**MVTF Board Activities**

MVTF Trustee Hebert reported that she has been nominated for the Michigan Military Veterans Hall of Honor. She will be receiving that award and will be inducted on November 18, 2022, at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing. MVTF Trustee Loonsfoot will be attending the November 11, 2022, Veterans Tribal Memorial at the Smithsonian Museum. MVTF Director Holm discussed the upcoming board appointment terms, adding that if a Trustee whose term is ending would still like to serve, will need to fill out an application on the Governor's website if they haven't done that already.

**MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Director Holm reported that MVTF Analyst Erik Napieralski will be going to Montmorency County for training as well as meeting with prospective new committee members. Holm reported that he will be attending the DVMA Leadership Conference to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. MVTF Director reported that he will also be attending

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the Veterans Day Parade on November 6<sup>th</sup> in Detroit. MVTF Director Holm and numerous MVAA and MVTF staff will be attending the Detroit Red Wings game honoring veterans for their service on November 10, 2022.

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None.

**Public Comments**

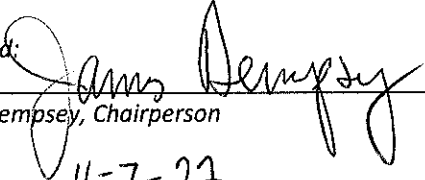
None

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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

Approved:

  
James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date

11-7-22