



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
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DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**  
MVTF BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

July 14, 2020  
***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson Barry Wood, present  
Vice Chairperson Robert Williams, present  
Trustee James Tighe, present  
Trustee Carol Hebert, absent  
Trustee James Dempsey, absent  
Trustee Jill Mathews, absent  
Trustee Thomas Smith, present  
Lindell Holm, Director present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present  
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst, present  
Erik Naperialski, Departmental Tech, present

Chairperson Wood called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

Deputy Director, MVAA - Robert Near

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Thomas Smith) to approve the Public Minutes, of June 9, 2020, passed and carried.

**There were no personal hearings conducted at the July 14, 2020 emergent need work session.**

**A total of 12 reviews were considered**

**Case 209 (Region 8, Calhoun)**

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$2,694.30.

**Case 210** (Region 9, Washtenaw County)

Administrative Withdrawal

**Case 211** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace and hot water heater in the amount of \$4,354.84.

**Case 212** (Region 5, Midland County)

August meeting

**Case 213-219** (Region 5, Midland County)

August meeting

**Case 220** (Region 4B, Kent County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,690.12, delinquent orthodontic bill in the amount of \$806.00 and water/sewer in the amount of \$450.28.

**Case 221** (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for wall repairs in the amount of \$2,225.00 and duct work replacement in the amount of \$3,446.00 in an interim decision.

**Case 222** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$5,950.00.

**Case 223** (Region 3, Roscommon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for hearing aids in the amount of \$3,950.00.

**Case 224** (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$3,720.75.

**Case 225** (Region 8, Kalamazoo County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$2,162.70. The remaining requests were disapproved for cell phone in the amount of \$239.34, vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,449.71, vehicle payment in the amount of \$295.36 and heat/electric in the amount of \$149.37.

**Case 226** (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for hearing aids in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**Case 227** (Region 7, Ingham County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for new air conditioning in the amount of \$2,475.00 contingent upon the remaining \$985.00 being paid.

**Case 227** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$3,717.48.

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A MOTION (Robert Williams/James Thighe) to accept the emergency grant approvals and disapprovals that were made passed and carried

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was eight for **\$28,051.77**.

**Accounting Report**

Presented

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration-case presented.**

A MOTION (Robert Williams/James Thighe) to waive repayment of ineligible applicant passed and carried.

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

A MOTION (Thomas Smith/Robert Williams) to approve the appointment of Brad Blanchard to serve on the Ad Hoc Regional Committee passed and carried.

**Unfinished Business**

Director Holm discussed the continuation of strategic planning to be conducted virtually to begin August 18, 2020, beginning at 10:30 a.m. – Noon then 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Thomas Smith) to approve continuation of the strategic planning meetings beginning August 18, 2020 via TEAMS, passed, and carried.

**New Business**

Director Holm updated and presented a policy change/addition to policy #109 for review, discussion, and approval.

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Thomas Smith) to approve the amendment to policy #109, passed and carried.

**MVTF Board Activities**

None

**MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm discussed possible veteran based entrepreneurships and possible partnerships with new programs to be addressed in strategic planning and the possibility of including these into the MVTF's upcoming 75th anniversary recognition.

**Good of the Order**

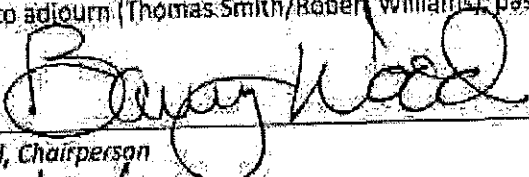
Director Holm reported that the MVTF received a repayment of a grant (donation) that the MVTF had paid on behalf of a veteran in 2019.

**Adjourn**

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A MOTION to adjourn (Thomas Smith/Robert Williams) passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Approved:



Barry Wood, Chairperson

8/17/2020

Date