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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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Brian Love
DIRECTOR

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 9, 2024
Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Gregory Spight, excused
Trustee James Wallace, present
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Vacancy
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:41 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

Accounting Reports

Presented.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (James Wallace/Carol Hebert) to approve the Public Minutes of December 12, 2023, passed and carried.

A total of 10 appeals/reviews and no 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case TFGA 0329 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$7,980.00.

Case TFGA 0349 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Case TFGA 0362

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$7,155.00.

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Case TFGA 0368 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$13,883.06.

Case TFGA 0392 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$2,698.28.

Case TFGA 0395

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$6,350.00.

Case TFGA 0405

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$6,820.00.

Case TFGA 0417

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,256.81.

Case TFGA 0425

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$7,885.50.

Case TFGA 0436 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$2,059.56.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved was thirteen for **\$24,925.06**.

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

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Jim Wallace) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the January 9, 2024, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$24,925.06**.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm gave an update on the status of the on-line application, adding that the IT department is still trying to fix some "glitches". Holm reported that the on-line application completion goal date is anticipated to be the middle of this year. Director Holm reported that he has been in contact with the Executive Office regarding the MVTF Board vacancy and the upcoming February 25, 2024, term date for another MVTF Board member. A brief discussion followed. Holm reported on the upcoming MVTF Board Officers Election, stating that according to the by-laws, nominations officer elections will be done at the third meeting of the new calendar year with the vote taken at the next meeting. Holm added that typically, this would mean that nominations will occur in March unless there is a meeting cancellation due to weather, etc. Director Holm stated that nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for the MVTF Board will take place at the March 12, 2024, and to be voted upon at the April 9, 2024, Board meeting. Director Holm reported that he received the invoice for Warrior Rising (approved in the September MVTF Board Meeting). Holm also discussed the Upper Peninsula Veterans Community Action Team (U.P. VCAT)

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Veteran Food Assistance Grant FY23: Outcomes Report and gave an overview of the Treasury Report presented. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Carol Hebert) to waive the restriction of the maximum of two one year terms of the Election of Officers, article II -Membership & Officers, section 2, Officers of the Board, written in the MVTF Bylaws, under article 6, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to approve the Treasury Report presented, passed and carried.

New Business

MVTF Director Holm reported on sponsorship opportunities the MVTF Board to consider for the upcoming Veteran Leadership Summit scheduled to take place May 1-3, in Detroit. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/James Wallace) to approve \$1,500.00 to sponsor breakfast at the Leadership Summit and up to \$2,500.00 to purchase MVTF swag to handout, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

MVTF Director Holm asked the MVTF Trustees to consider future dates to hold Strategic Program Sub-Committee meetings.

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Board Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he was nominated and approved to serve as Vice President of the Ojibwe Tribe. Chairperson Dempsey inquired about the National Association of State Departments of Veteran Affairs Conference adding he would like to attend that conference scheduled for February 18-22, 2024, as well as the upcoming NASDVA conference in Arlington, VA.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm reported that he met a former MVTF Board Trustee member for lunch. A brief discussion followed. Holm reported that the MVTF will begin conducting interviews for the open MVTF Department Tech position at the end of January. MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Naperialski reported that he will be meeting with counties to discuss the Consumers Energy rebate program. MVTF Director Holm reported that additional in person training will be scheduled in March and is encouraging MVTF Trustees to attend if they haven't already.

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None

Public Comments

None

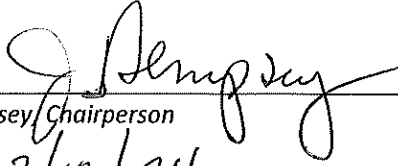
Adjourn

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/James Wallace) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date

2/13/24