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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
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DIRECTOR

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

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.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 (Treasury) Reports**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the Public Minutes of June 11, 2024, passed and carried.

A total of 17 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

**Case TFGA 0587 - Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,250.00

**Case TFGA 0674 - Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$20,572.00.

**Case TFGA 0731 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$9,600.00.

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**Case TFGA 0772**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$2,968.23.

**Case TFGA 0778**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$7,745.33.

**Case TFGA 0782**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$14,000.00.

**Case TFGA 0786 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$2,475.90.

**Case TFGA 0803**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$11,000.00.

**Case TFGA 0804**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$25,000.00.

**Case TFGA 0805 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$11,862.00.

**Case TFGA 0808**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,300.00.

**Case TFGA 0825 – Resolved**

**Case TFGA 0827**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$9,382.81.

**Case TFGA 0831**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3,731.35.

**Case TFGA 0832**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,786.27.

**Case TFGA 0838**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$6,657.40.

**Case TFGA 0849**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,272.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: eleven for **\$91,515.18.**

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

A MOTION (James Wallace/Paul McIvor) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the July 9, 2024, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$91,515.18.**

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

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A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve County/District Committees – Appointments and Re-Appointments, passed and carried.

### **Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

MVTF Director Holm reported on the status of the online application, adding that there may be the possibility to consider a new product from IBM to possibly replace Salesforce. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported that he is meeting with Warrior Rising in Detroit next week to discuss the upcoming event in September 2024. MVTF Director Holm gave an update on the status of peacetime veteran legislation, adding that it was not included in this fiscal year. A brief discussion followed. Holm gave an update on the agriculture program in conjunction with MDARD and the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, adding that the next meeting with them is next week at the VFW Home in Eaton Rapids to discuss the program, eligibility, and other specifics. A brief discussion followed.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

None

### **MVTF Board Activities**

Vice Chairperson McIvor reported that he attended a very special Birthday celebration for a 100-year-old veteran. A brief discussion followed.

### **MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Director Holm reported that the MVTF staff will be relocating to new spaces within our current building, adding that it will take place in September. A brief discussion followed.

### **Good of the Order**

MVTF Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he attended his National American Indian Chartered Chapter where he was voted to serve as the Representative for all Michigan Tribes on veteran related issues. Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he was also appointed to serve as the Native American coordinator for Michigan's Toy's for Tots. MVTF Trustee Wallace reported that he attended the American Legion State Convention. A brief discussion followed.

### **Public Comments**

None

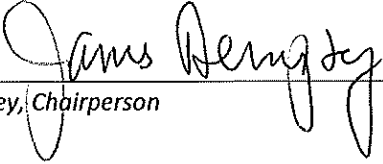
### **Adjourn**

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to adjourn, passed and carried.

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Meeting Adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Approved:

  
James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date