**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
May 11, 2026
***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Vice Chairperson Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Trustee Ray Lopez, present
Trustee Gerald Gorski, present
Trustee John Gardner, present
Trustee Gregory Spight, excused
Trustee Kimberly Napoleon, present
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present

Chairperson McIvor called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

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

**Introduction of Guests**

Michael DeLaRosa, Director of H4H Michigan.

**Accounting Reports**

Presented

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Gerald Gorski/John Gardner) to approve the Public Minutes of April 7, 2026, passed and carried.

**A total of 30 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for May 11, 2026.**

**Case TFGA 2342**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,225.00.

**Case TFGA 2426 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $15,915.80.

**Case TFGA 2439 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,650.00.

**Case TFGA 2445**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $8,333.72.

**Case TFGA 2452**

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

**Case TFGA 2465**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $15,370.00.

**Case TFGA 2474**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved of your application in the amount of $5,831.63

**Case TFGA 2477**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,375.00.

**Case TFGA 2496**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $2,760.81.

**Case TFGA 2510**

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

**Case TFGA 2523 - Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $18,842.00.

**Case TFGA 2524**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $18,360.00.

**Case TFGA 2529 - Interim**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $5,975.00.

**Case TFGA 2544**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $12,750.00.

**Case TFGA 2552**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $8,181.13.

**Case TFGA 2555 – Interim**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $18,800.00.

**Case TFGA 2557**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $22,166.43.

**Case TFGA 2560**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $2,909.64.

**Case TFGA 2566 – Interim**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $8,400.00.

**Case TFGA 2573**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $1,077.00.

**Case TFGA 2589**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of $14,090.73.

**Case TFGA 2613**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $5,000.00.

**Case TFGA 2617**

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

**Case TFGA 2622**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $20,585.00.

**Case TFGA 2623**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of $7,290.00.

**Case TFGA 2624**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $13,524.00.

**Case TFGA 2625**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $9,360.00.

**Case TFGA 2626**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $23,790.00.

**Case TFGA 2627**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $9,156.00.

**Case TFGA 2629**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of $15,756.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was nineteen for **$208,177.92.**
The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during May 11, 2026, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **$208,177.92.**

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

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/Gerald Gorski) to approve the County/District Committees appointments and re-appointments, passed and carried

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

MVTF Director Holm gave an update on his conversations with MVAA Director Sabo regarding the MVTF Board's authority. He reported that a letter had been sent to the Attorney General's office requesting clarification on the Board's authority related to Board expenditures, as stated in the Constitution. A response is still pending.

A brief discussion followed. Holm reported that MVTF analyst Dawn Shinaver is back on a part-time basis. Director Holm reported that he will be attending upcoming Medal of Honor Society Convention scheduled meetings. Holm reported that Ray Lopez was reappointed to serve on the MVTF Board.

**New Business**

None.

**Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

None.

**MVTF Board Activities**

Trustee Gorski reported that he attended the World War II Legacy Memorial where they gathered to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of VE Day this past Friday, which was held in Royal Oak, adding that a WWII veteran spoke at that event. Vice Chairperson Loonsfoot reported that he attended the United Tribes of Michigan meeting which was held in Sioux St. Marie. Loonsfoot also reported that he will not be attending the MVAA Leadership Conference May 11-13 due to a Tribal event being held in Reno, Nevada. A brief discussion followed.

**MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Director Holm reported that he and Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski plan on attending the MVAA Leadership Conference May 11-13, in Grand Rapids. Director Holm updated the MVTF Board on upcoming committee training courses which will be held in various counties in the upcoming months, board members are encouraged to attend the training that is most convenient for them. Napieralski reported that he attended an 8-hour class at the VFW National Home as part of the VRAD program where they built a botanical cooler which is a walk-in cooler designed for housing fresh cut flowers, vegetables, and fruit keeping them fresh for sale.

**Good of the Order**

None.

**Public Comments**

Habitat for Humanity, Director DeLaRosa thanked the board for previously approved H4H backed applications, adding that he is thankful for the MVTF partnership.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Adjourn**

A MOTION (Gerald Gorski/John Gardner) to adjourn passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

*Approved:*

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MVTF Board Meeting
May 11, 2026

*Paul McIvor, Chairperson*

6/9/2026 Paul McIvor

*Date*