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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 13, 2025

***Board of Trustees and Staff***

Chairperson James Dempsey, present  
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present  
Trustee Ray Lopez, present  
Trustee John Gardner, present  
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present  
Trustee Gregory Spight, excused  
Vacancy  
Lindell Holm, Director, present  
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:39 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 (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the Public Minutes of April 8, 2025, passed and carried.

**A total of 19 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for May 13, 2025.**

**Case TFGA 1131**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$16,030.00.

**Case TFGA 1233 - Appeal**

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

**Case TFGA 1359**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$11,540.00.

**Case TFGA 1486 - Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,786.46.

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**Case TFGA 1151 – Appeal**

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

**Case TFGA 1540**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$6,450.00.

**Case TFGA 1557**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$4,577.00.

**Case TFGA 1564**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$21,949.58.

**Case TFGA 1592**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**Case TFGA 1595**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,387.86.

**Case TFGA 1603**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$7,150.00.

**Case TFGA 1613**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$6,909.02.

**Case TFGA 1625**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,509.25.

**Case TFGA 1630**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,900.00.

**Case TFGA 1641**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$13,445.00.

**Case TFGA 1655**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$22,500.00.

**Case TFGA 1659**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$8,950

**Case TFGA 1669**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,200.00.

**Case TFGA 1673**

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

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was nine for **\$76,021.02**.  
The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was zero.

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A MOTION (Paul McIvor/John Gardner) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during the May 13, 2025, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$76,021.02.**

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

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the County/District committee appointments and reappointments, passed and carried.

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

None.

### **Unfinished Business**

Director Holm reported on the meeting he had with The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) regarding the potential opportunity for MVTF to start a loan program for homes and vacant land. Holm reported that he had requested additional information from Treasury and would update the Board when additional pertinent information was received. A brief discussion followed. Holm reminded the board that based on the approval of the April 8, 2025, minutes, Zero Day Food truck will be providing lunch on-site at the June 10, 2025, board meeting which will be held at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. A tour of the VRAD farm and facility will immediately follow lunch. Chairperson Dempsey addressed the need for support for the upcoming Purple Heart event. A brief discussion followed.

### **New Business**

Director Holm reported that he would like to have a discussion with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to see if the DNR and the MVTF could collaborate to get veterans access to farm land. Holm reported that he will be attending the next scheduled Natural Resources Commission Board meeting.

Director Holm asked the Board to approve up to \$500.00 for the purchase of MVTF logo shirts.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve up to \$500.00 for MVTF logo shirts passed and carried.

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

Director Holm asked the board to consider supporting Veterans Through United We Smile (UWS). This investment would help the program to operate sustainable compassionate dental care at no cost to the veteran to help them live healthier, happier lives. Director Holm would said that he would schedule another meeting with UWS. A brief discussion followed.

### **MVTF Board Activities**

Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he attended the MVAA Leadership meeting which was held in Marquette. A brief discussion followed. Vice Chairperson McIvor reported that he plans on attending his State Convention at the end of May.

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**MVTF Staff Activities**

MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski reported that they attended the MVAA Leadership summit held in Marquette. Erik Napieralski reported that he attended the Veteran Friendly Employment event at the VFW National Home and was present when Governor Whitmer toured the Veterans Regenerative Agriculture Demonstration (VRAD) Farm.

**Good of the Order**

Director Holm reported on feel good story regarding a veterans' gratitude and his heartfelt thank you to MVTF Tech Donnell Thomas for his assistance with a MVTF grant for that veteran.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Executive Session**

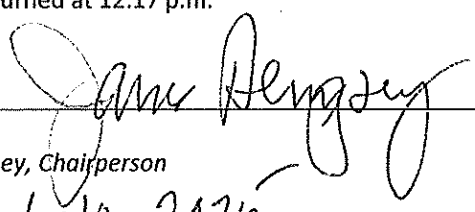
None

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Approved:

  
James Dempsey, Chairperson

  
6-10-2025  
Date