



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
LANSING

BRIAN LOVE
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 8, 2025
Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 10:35 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/Jim Wallace) to approve the Public Minutes of March 11, 2025, passed and carried.

A total of 18 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for April 8, 2025.

Case TFGA 1233

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$22,150.00.

Case TFGA 1335

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,400.00.

Case TFGA 1336 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,349.00

Case TFGA 1464

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3,124.00.

MVTF Board Meeting
April 8, 2025

Case TFGA 1472

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$6,125.13.

Case TFGA 1493 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,304.28.

Case TFGA 1508 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,164.50.

Case TFGA 1511

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$25,994.07.

Case TFGA 1514 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$3,806.00.

Case TFGA 1534

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$6,448.66.

Case TFGA 1538

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,395.00.

Case TFGA 1542

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,225.00.

Case TFGA 1547

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,200.00.

Case TFGA 1553

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,110.95.

Case TFGA 1561

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3,647.00.

Case TFGA 1564

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

Case TFGA 1586

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$4,025.00

Case TFGA 1588

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,700.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was seven for **\$37,546.00**.

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

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/Jim Wallace) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during the April 8, 2025, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$37,546.00**.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

MVTF Board Meeting
April 8, 2025

None.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

Unfinished Business

Director Holm reported that the voting for MVTF Board officer elections for Chair and Vice Chair is due. Holm reported on the status of the Salesforce online application, adding that DTMB pushed for a Public Sector Services Platform, making it a more user-friendly platform. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported on the Veterans Regenerative Agriculture Demonstration (VRAD) Farm and the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids adding that all is going well, and the projective projects are on schedule. Holm proposed that the board consider approving up to \$1,000.00 for the Zero Day Food truck to provide lunch on-site at the June 10, 2025, Board Meeting which will be held at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. MVTF Director Holm reported that he is expecting that the gubernatorial appointments for the MVTF Board members whose terms are ending, and the vacant board spot appointment will be announced in the upcoming week. MVTF Chairperson Dempsey addressed the 2026 Congressional Medal of Honor Society National Convention request for possible contribution considerations (handout provided). A brief discussion followed. MVTF Director Holm reported that Heros/Sheros Corner, a non-profit veteran's facility in Grand Rapids, contacted the MVTF seeking potential grant assistance for a donated building they acquired that is in dire need of a new roof. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported on FY24's six-month budget (handout provided). A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Rodney Loonsfoot) to re-elect the current officers; namely, Chairperson James Dempsey and Vice-Chairperson Paul McIvor, to continue to serve as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson passed and carried.

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Gregory Spight) to approve up to the \$1,000.00 to provide lunch for Board members, staff, as well as the VFW National Home staff for hosting the MVTF June 10, 2025, meeting, passed and carried.

New Business

None.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Wallace reported that this meeting was his last MVTF Board meeting and thanked the Trustees and the MVTF staff for all their efforts to support our veterans.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski reported that he attended the GE Aerospace Veteran event adding that it was a great event that reached a spectrum of veterans. A brief discussion followed.

Good of the Order

MVTF Board Meeting
April 8, 2025

Director Holm reported on an email to MVTF Jess Green which was full of gratitude, thanking her all her assistance that helped them receive a MVTF grant.

Public Comments

None.

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/John Gardner) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Approved:



James Dempsey, Chairperson

5-13-25

Date