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

October 14, 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, present

Trustee Kimberly Napoleon, present

Lindell Holm, Director, present

Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 12:04 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**

Don Wilkinson, President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity, Michigan  
Michael Delarosa, Founder, Delarosa & Company, LLC

**Accounting Reports**

Provided.

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes of August 12, 2025, passed and carried. (No Quorum on September 9, 2025, MVTF Board Meeting).

**A total of 16 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for September 9, 2025.**

**Case TFGA 1747- Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$ 6,000.00.

**Case TFGA 1794**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,500.00.

**Case TFGA 1796**

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

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**Case TFGA 1844 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$7,137.15.

**Case TFGA 1853**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$ 19,400.00.

**Case TFGA 1866 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$18,406.58.

**Case TFGA 1875**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved of your application in the amount of \$7,191.35.

**Case TFGA 1896**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$23,709.76.

**Case TFGA 1922**

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

**Case TFGA 1929 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,598.22.

**Case TFGA 1935 – Resolved**

**Case TFGA 1938**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$2,136.75.

**Case TFGA 1950**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,550.00.

**Case TFGA 1954 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,519.44.

**Case TFGA 1959**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,944.98.

**Case TFGA 1868**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$7,720.67.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved in the closed session of September 9, 2025, was four for **\$24,857.42**.

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

**A total of 19 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for October 14, 2025**

**Case TFGA 1857**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,960.00.

**Case TFGA 1881 - Withdrawn**

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**Case TFGA 1914 – 65+**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,999.89.

**Case TFGA 1933**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$13,895.00.

**Case TFGA 1939**

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

**Case TFGA 1956**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3,228.32.

**Case TFGA 1988**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$22,704.38.

**Case TFGA 1990**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,376.00.

**Case TFGA 1995**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$11,940.00.

**Case TFGA 1996**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$12,285.00.

**Case TFGA 2004 – 65+**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,995.00.

**Case TFGA 2005**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$15,428.00.

**Case TFGA 2010**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$3,500.00.

**Case TFGA 2014**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$15,103.00.

**Case TFGA 2019**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,555.75.

**Case TFGA 2032**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$1,220.00.

**Case TFGA 2033**

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

**Case TFGA 2036**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,402.72.

**Case TFGA 2122**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was two. The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved in the closed session of October 14, 2025, was ten for **\$105,280.68**.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/John Gardner) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during September 9, 2025, and October 14, 2025, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$130,138.10**.

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

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the County & District Committees-Committee Appointment, passed and carried.

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

Director Holm reported that due to the lack of quorum at the September 9, 2025, MVTF board meeting, the board was only able to meet for closed discussion. Director Holm asked the board to approve the change to the November board meeting from Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to Wednesday, November 12, 2025, to be able to spread out the caseloads more effectively. Director Holm also proposed that the November 12, 2025, board meeting location be changed from the MVAA Headquarters in Lansing, Michigan to the Chesterfield Veterans Home, Chesterfield, Michigan. MVTF Director Holm is seeking approval of the MVTF budget that was given to the full board to consider. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm updated the MVTF Board on discussions that he had with Michael Wilson, Director of the VFW National Home as it relates to the VRAD program and MDARD, specifically how it aligns with the MVTF Strategic plan. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the date of the MVTF Board meeting from Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, November 12, 2025, as well as change the location from MVAA HQ in Lansing, Michigan to the Chesterfield Veterans Home, Chesterfield Michigan, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Ray Lopez) to approve the MVTF FY26 budget as presented, passed and carried.

**New Business**

MVTF Director Holm reported the MVTF will be hosting a county committee training event scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2025, at the War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms, extending the invitation for MVTF board members to attend, if able. Lunch will be provided, Holm asked the board to consider approving up to \$600.00 to fund that lunch. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm asked the MVTF board to consider and approve amendments to the MVTF policies (handout provided). An overview and brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve lunch up to \$600.00 for October 24, 2025, committee training, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the MVTF Policy changes/amendments, passed and carried.

**Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports**

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None.

**MVTF Board Activities**

MVTF Trustee Ray Lopez reported that he attended a VFW National Legislative Conference with MVTF Trustee Kimberly Napoleon to visit with elected officials in Washington, D.C. to discuss legislative priorities.

**MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm reported that he will be doing county visits in western and northern Michigan to discuss the MVTF operations in those counties as well as to promote the VRAD program.

**Good of the Order**

None

**Public Comments**

Don Wilkinson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan and Michael Delarosa gave an overview of the partnership agreement with the MVTF to facilitate and streamline veteran applications that could be processed through Habitat and then sent to the Board to request funding for emergent need items. A brief discussion with the board followed. A caller, Shane Duquette, and a veteran seeking assistance, called into the public meeting to ask the MVTF board questions regarding his MVTF case.

**Executive Session**

None

**Adjourn**

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

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved:

James Dempsey, Chairperson

11/12/25

Date