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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 12, 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 11:22 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

Michael DeLaRosa, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan

Accounting Reports

Presented.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Rodney Loonsfoot/Paul McIvor) to approve the Public Minutes of October 14, 2025, passed and carried.

A total of 21 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for November 12, 2025.

Case TFGA 1948

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$15,995.00.

Case TFGA 1987 – 65+Peacetime

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,025.00.

Case TFGA 1992 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$14,850.00.

Case TFGA 1996 – Appeal

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

Case TFGA 2012

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

Case TFGA 2018

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$24,987.00.

Case TFGA 2027 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved of your application in the amount of \$10,389.39.

Case TFGA 2075

- The MVTF Board of Trustee approved your application in the amount of \$ 7,425.00.

Case TFGA 2077

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

Case TFGA 2079

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$3,757.00.

Case TFGA 2081

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved of your application in the amount of \$13,567.00.

Case TFGA 2092

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,700.00.

Case TFGA 2094

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$8,046.11.

Case TFGA 2113

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,109.00.

Case TFGA 2115

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$11,160.56.

Case TFGA 2119

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$16,959.60.

Case TFGA 2133

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,018.00.

Case TFGA 2139

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$12,240.00.

Case TFGA 2141

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

Case TFGA 2144

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$12,355.00.

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Case TFGA 2160

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$18,117.15.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was thirteen for **\$156,368.71**.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime was one for \$10,025.00.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Ray Lopez) to accept the emergency grant approvals presented during November 12, 2025, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$156,368.71**.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

Unfinished Business

Director Holm gave an update of the VRAD meeting that he and Erik Napieralski (MVTF Outreach Analyst) attended, adding that Michael Wilson (Executive Director, VFW National Home) would like to further develop and refine the program with guidance from MDARD to ensure its usefulness to Michigan veterans. Director Holm reported that there is an alignment between the VFW National Home and the MVTF in helping veterans transition into careers and self-sufficiency after their time at the National Home. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

None.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he is very active during this time with the Toys for Tots and that the season is ramping up. Loonsfoot reported that there was 100% buy-in for the Native American program, adding that over 40,000.00 tribal children signed up for Toys for Tots. Trustee Loonsfoot also reported that he won his primary election and is up for re-election to the Tribal Council next month. Trustee Loonsfoot would like to host a MVTF Board meeting at the Jacobetti Home in Marquette once it has been completed. Vice Chairperson McIvor reported that he attended his VFW Fall Conference, which was held in Mt. Pleasant and gave an overview of the MVTF at that conference. A brief discussion followed.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm reported that the committee training held at the War Memorial, Grosse Pointe, on October 24, 2025, went well adding that Vice Chairperson McIvor and Trustees Napoleon and Lopez were present. Holm reported that there was good feedback from committee members that attended. Director Holm reported that he attended and spoke at a Veterans Day ceremony at Clinton Grove Cemetery hosted by the Macomb County Marine

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Corps League. Director Holm also reported that Dawn Shinaver (MVTF Analyst) accepted a check from the Forgotten Eagles at the Saginaw VAMC held on November 2, 2025. Forgotten Eagles was hosting a meal for veterans in conjunction with their annual meeting at the hospital in Saginaw where they also presented checks to organizations that help veterans. A brief discussion followed.

Good of the Order

Director Holm reported that a tour of the Chesterfield Veteran Home will follow at the conclusion of the MVTF Board Meeting.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

None

Adjourn

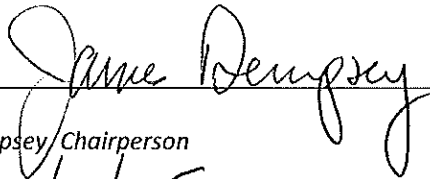
A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Ray Lopez) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Approved:

James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date


12/9/25