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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

April 9, 2024

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson James Dempsey, present
Vice Chairperson Paul McIvor, present
Trustee James Wallace, present.
Trustee John Gardner, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, excused
Trustee Rodney Loonsfoot, present
Trustee Gregory Spight, present
Lindell Holm, Director, present
Carolyn Harden, Departmental Supervisor, present
Erik Napieralski, Department Analyst, present

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:30 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 (Treasury) Reports

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the Treasury Reports presented, passed, and carried.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to amend the March 12, 2024, minutes to state, "James Dempsey to be eligible to continue to serve as Chairperson" and "Paul McIvor to be eligible to continue to serve as Vice Chairperson," passed and carried.

A MOTION (James Dempsey/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the amended Public Minutes of March 12, 2024, passed and carried.

A total of 21 appeals/reviews including one 65+ Peacetime applications were reviewed in a closed case discussion.

Case TFGA 0123

Withdrawn

Case TFGA 0390

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,637.83.

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Case TFGA 0499

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,004.35.

Case TFGA 0525

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$2,2023.92.

Case TFGA 0526 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$3,720.00.

Case TFGA 0552

Resolved

Case TFGA 0529 - Appeal

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

Case TFGA 0577

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,448.41.

Case TFGA 0580

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,446.64.

Case TFGA 0594

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$3,638.28.

Case TFGA 0598

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$1,505.00.

Case TFGA 0562 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3117.28.

Case TFGA 0605

PEACETIME

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$685.00.

Case TFGA 0607

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$7,800.00.

Case TFGA 0612

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,733.00.

Case TFGA 0616

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$10,883.66.

Case TFGA 0619

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,455.78.

Case TFGA 0624

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$8,555.00.

Case TFGA 0631

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$12,010.00.

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Case TFGA 0634 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,375.18.

Case TFGA 0641

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$2,551.92.

Case TFGA 0642- Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$3,080.08.

Case TFGA 0653

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$8,368.44.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved twenty-one for **\$56,235.07**.

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

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the April 9, 2024, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$56,235.07**.

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm discussed the MVTF's upcoming May 1, 2024, MVTF board meeting, reminding all Trustees of the date, time, and location change. Holm reported that it will be held at The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms, at 2:30 p.m. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm gave an update on the Warrior Rising event that he attended in Iowa and gave an overview of the pitch competitions that were presented during that event. A brief discussion followed. Holm reported that based on the talent of the past competitions from Warrior Rising, he expects the upcoming Warrior Rising competition in September in Detroit will be one of its most competitive and talented ones to date.

New Business

MVTF Director Lindell Holm reported on the MVTF Dashboard for FY24 (handout provided). A brief discussion followed regarding the half year stats. Director Holm updated the Board on the meeting that he had with the legislature regarding the proposal to provide general funds for emergency grants to assist Peacetime era veterans. Director Holm reported that the MVTF officer nominations are due and that there also was a motion to suspend the officers maximum limit of two years.

A MOTION (Paul McIvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the officer nomination of James Dempsey to serve as Chairperson, with the amended suspension of the two-year board officers' terms, as reported in Section 2, Article 2, as stated in the MVTF Bylaws, passed and carried.

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A MOTION (James Dempsey/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the officer nomination of Paul McIvor to serve as Vice Chairperson, with the amended suspension of the two-year board officers' terms, as reported in Section 2, Article 2, as stated in the MVTF Bylaws, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

MVTF Board Activities

MVTF Chairperson Dempsey reported that he traveled to Marshall to attend the Michigan Veterans Golf Association golf event. A brief discussion followed.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Director Holm reported that Erik Napieralski, MVTF Department Analyst, is scheduled to attend the MACVC Conference in Frankenmuth. Director Holm also reported that he will be presenting at the upcoming MVAA Leadership Conference in May to discuss the MVTF Emergency Assistance Program.

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None.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

A MOTION (Carol Hebert/Paul McIvor) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved:

James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date