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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
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BRIAN LOVE  
DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 10, 2024  
*Board of Trustees and Staff*

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

Vice Chairperson McIvor called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

**Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

Vice Chairperson McIvor 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 (Rodney Loonsfoot/Jim Wallace) to approve the Public Minutes of August 13, 2024, passed and carried.

**A total of 24 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion.**

**Case TFGA 0743**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$10,130.00.

**Case TFGA 0773 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$8,086.39.

**Case TFGA 0787 – Appeal**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$22,860.01.

**Case TFGA 0836 – Appeal**

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,692.31.

Case TFGA 0894 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$19,080.00.

Case TFGA 0916

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$3,307.35.

Case TFGA 0963 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$6,289.38.

Case TFGA 0967 – Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$7,500.00.

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- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$5,225.68.

Case TFGA 0981

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$17,500.00.

Case TFGA 0986

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

Case TFGA 0988

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$6,857.14.

Case TFGA 1012 - Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$35,491.37.

Case TFGA 1015

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,586.00.

Case TFGA 1016

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Case TFGA 1024

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$13,800.00.

Case TFGA 1050

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,354.85.

Case TFGA 1051

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Case TFGA 1057

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

Case TFGA 1065

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,582.10.

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### Case TFGA 1067

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,250.00.

### Case TFGA 1070

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$7,990.00.

### Case TFGA 1074

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,403.02.

### Case TFGA 1077

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,975.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: Thirteen for **\$121,258.63**.

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

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Rodney Loonsfoot) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials made in the September 10, 2024, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$121,258.63**.

### County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

None.

### Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

### Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm discussed the details for the upcoming Warrior Rising Gala event to be held at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit on September 21, 2024, adding that there are networking opportunities offered to the Board and the staff by Warrior Rising on September 20, 2024. Director Holm reported on the status of IBM adding discussions are still ongoing. Director Holm also reported on the status of MDARD Home Agriculture program as it relates to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, reporting that there are just a few minor details still to be discussed before participants are selected and for the program to commence in November. A brief discussion followed.

### New Business

Board members were provided a draft FY 2025 budget for their review.

### Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

### MVTF Board Activities

None.

### MVTF Staff Activities

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MVTF Outreach Analyst, Erik Napieralski reported that he will be hosting VSO training in Grayling. Director Holm reported on his meeting with veteran navigators last week in Lapeer. A brief discussion followed.

**Good of the Order**

MVTF Board Trustee Loonsfoot reported that he attended his annual Toys for Tots Convention held in Minneapolis Minnesota and attended a pre-planning conference recently discussing Tribal Veterans Suicide. A brief discussion followed.

**Public Comments**

None

**Executive Session**

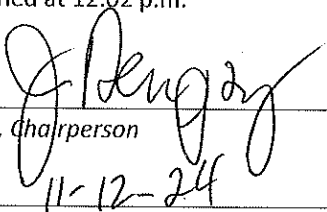
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**Adjourn**

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/ Rodney Loonsfoot) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Approved:

  
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James Dempsey, Chairperson

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Date