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MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
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DIRECTOR

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 12, 2024
Board of Trustees and Staff

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

Chairperson Dempsey called the meeting to order at 11:29 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/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the Public Minutes of September 10, 2024, passed and carried.

A total of 22 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for October 8, 2024.

Case TFGA 0810

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$24,225.00.

Case TFGA 0844

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$3,613.76.

Case TFGA 0896

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount 3,330.00.

Case TFGA 0979

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

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Case TFGA 0986

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$1,400.00

Case TFGA 0988

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

Case TFGA 0999

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Case TFGA 1002

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$1,417.61.

Case TFGA 1015 – Appeal

- 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 \$4,800.00.

Case TFGA 1038- Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,668.56.

Case TFGA 1050

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,354.86.

Case TFGA 1052

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$10,450.00.

Case TFGA 1077

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

Case TFGA 1087

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

Case TFGA 1088

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$2,700.00.

Case TFGA 1104

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$11,925.00.

Case TFGA 1105

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$1,407.23

Case TFGA 1114

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$13,500.00.

Case TFGA 1137

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$7,413.02.

Case TFGA 1139

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$4,800.00.

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Case TFGA 1147

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$24,375.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved in the closed session for October 8, 2024, was twelve for ~~\$69,624.39~~.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved for 65+ Peacetime in the October 8, 2024, closed session was zero.

A total of 21 appeals/reviews were reviewed in a closed case discussion for November 12, 2024.

Case TFGA 1013

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$22,300.00.

Case TFGA 1052 Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$10,450.00.

Case TFGA 1097

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$12,300.00.

Case TFGA 1110

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application in the amount of \$4,650.00.

Case TFGA 1113

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,100.00.

Case TFGA 1119

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,875.00.

Case TFGA 1143

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$5,085.00.

Case TFGA 1145

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,125.67.

Case TFGA 1146 Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$2,530.00.

Case TFGA 1147 Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$24,375.00.

Case TFGA 1156

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Case TFGA 1159

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$9,750.00.

Case TFGA 1164

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,900.00.

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Case TFGA 1189 Appeal

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$14,303.21.

Case TFGA 1196

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

Case TFGA 1211

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$15,864.00.

Case TFGA 1214

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

Case TFGA 1221

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$4,268.17.

Case TFGA 1235

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$7,600.00.

Case TFGA 1239

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application in the amount of \$14,385.00.

Case TFGA 1186

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application in the amount of \$13,680.00.

The total number/amount of emergency grants approved/partially approved: was fourteen for **\$123,483.84**

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 October 8, 2024, and the November 12, 2024, case discussion, passed and carried in the amount of **\$193,108.23**

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (James Wallace/Paul McIvor) to approve County/District appointments and reappointments, passed and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None.

Unfinished Business

MVTF Director Holm reviewed end of year reports for MVTF grants specifically for Warrior Rising and Zero Day (food truck and family assistance). Detailed handouts were provided with the breakdown of expenditures for where the grant money was allocated for each program. A brief discussion followed.

New Business

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Director Holm discussed the WLCC demonstration/RAD farm at the VFW Home in Eaton Rapids. The VFW Home has provided land, water access and a small greenhouse for use of the WLCC grant project. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is requesting additional grant monies to cover a "market garden" which is intended to create a one-acre fenced in space for the participating veterans and other VFWNH residents to grow gardens for their projects or for the residents to use as their own food source. The additional grant money would further allow for tools, seed, fertilizer, and other items necessary for the agriculture training program. A handout was provided with the breakdown of the additional costs. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm also presented and discussed the FY 2025 budget (handout provided) to the board members. A brief discussion followed. Additionally, Director Holm presented a draft of the MVTF 2025 board meeting dates with an amendment. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Paul Mclvor) to approve the WLCC demo grant budget of \$30,653.00, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/Gregory Spight) to approve the MVTF FY25 budget as presented, passed and carried.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/Rodney Loonsfoot) to approve the MVTF 2025 board meeting schedule with the amendment, passed and carried.

Strategic Programs Sub-Committee Reports

None

MVTF Board Activities

Chairperson Dempsey reported that he was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Military Veterans Hall of Honor, adding he attended that annual induction ceremony. Chairperson Dempsey reported that six veterans and six active-duty military are selected each year for their outstanding contributions while serving. Trustee Loonsfoot provided an update on the October 11, 2024, Tribal Summit he attended adding that during that Summit they proclaimed October 11th as Native American Veterans Day adding that six Tribal Vietnam Veterans were presented coveted American Bald Eagle feathers and Governor Coins. Trustee Loonsfoot inquired about possible assistance for these Native Americans now that this day has been proclaimed. Trustee Loonsfoot also provided information on Tribal Counties Toys for Tots program. Trustee Spight reported that he attended the Tunnels for Towers Foundation groundbreaking event in Detroit on October 22, 2024. A brief discussion followed. Director Holm reported on the upcoming board terms ending. A brief discussion followed.

MVTF Staff Activities

MVTF Outreach Analyst, Erik Napieralski reported that there is an approved board case that exceeded the board approved amount and is over the 20 percent Director approval amount. Director Holm reported that Outreach Analyst Erik Napieralski, will be hosting virtual training dates in the next couple of months. Director Holm reported he will be traveling to Texas to learn more about a home loan program for veterans run by the State of Texas. He also reported that he had attended the Forgotten Eagles annual meeting at the Saginaw VA Clinic and received a donation to the MVTF for \$1,000. Analyst Napieralski reported that he attended a H4H meeting in Detroit. A brief discussion followed.

A MOTION (Paul Mclvor/Jim Wallace) to approve \$3,777.20 for a car repair on a previous case that was over the original amount approved, passed and carried.

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MVTF Director Holm reported that this is the first time a Marine veteran has been voted to serve as Vice President of the United States.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

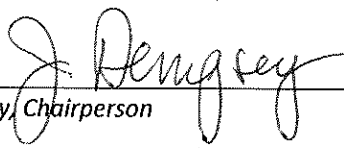
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Adjourn

A MOTION (Jim Wallace/Pau Mclvor) to adjourn, passed and carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Approved:


James Dempsey, Chairperson

Date