



## **KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND**

Minutes

**28 June 2023**

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

- Members Present:
  - o Whitney Allen (KDVA), Chairman
  - o Juan Renaud (KDVA), Deputy Commissioner, KDVA Designee
  - o Carl Kaelin (VFW)
  - o Dave Jarrett (DAV)
  - o Tim Martinez (At-Large)
  - o Carla Raisler (KYNG)
  - o David Rummler (JECVO)
  - o Amy McGrath (At-Large)
  - o David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)
  
- Members Absent:
  - o None
  
- KDVA Staff Present:
  - o Stephanie Belt, KDVA Budget Manager
  - o Jimmy Hensley, KDVA Public Information Officer
  - o Dwayne Edwards (KDVA), Chief of Staff
  - o Tamara Reid-McIntosh, KDVA Office of Veteran Legal Services (OVLS) - Joined at 1013am
  
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of Minutes from previous meeting.
  - o Board approved minutes from 22 March 2023 meeting as presented.
    - # Initial Motion: Carl Kaelin (VFW)
    - # Motion Seconded: Dave Jarrett (DAV)

# Motion for approval unanimously carried.

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Monthly Activity Reports for FY23 – March, April & May 2023
  - o Board approved the Financial Report as presented:
    - # Initial Motion: Dave Jarrett (DAV)
    - # Motion Seconded: David Rummler (JECVO)
    - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$700,271.27 – Commissioner did not set a buffer for remaining funds today.

## **DISCUSSION**

Review of Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Emergency Fund Email Roll Call vote

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Grant Program (HVTFP) works collaboratively with Federal, State and Non-Profit agencies in Kentucky to prevent veterans and families from eviction or having essential utilities disconnected. The HVTF started FY23 with a \$10,852.97. On July 1, 2022, The Program received for the first time Legislatively approved funding in the amount of \$200,000. It will receive another \$200,000 from the Legislature on July 1, 2023. As a result of aiding veterans during FY23, the Program's Fund was almost exhausted and was down to \$232.00. The Fund aids veterans by spending on average \$17,00.00 per month, with over 45% of the applications come from community partners. This emergency request of \$20,000 to cover the rest of FY23 is due to an overwhelming increase of referrals caused by HUD/VASH and Volunteers of America federal grants being depleted.

The Board was asked to vote on whether to approve a \$20,000 payment to the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Grant Program, which will allow the Program's Administrator to continue to provide funding to avoid veteran homelessness in the Commonwealth. Any amount not used at the beginning of the next fiscal year (when the \$200,000 replenishes) will be refunded to the VPTF. The Board's vote for providing \$20,000 to the Homeless Veterans Program has reached a quorum. Attached, please find the voting tabulation. The vote will be added to the consent agenda for the next Trust Fund Board meeting.

Quorum was reached and the vote passed at 6-0-2 on 31 May 2023

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$197,651.66 for the following grants:**

1. **Kentucky Historical Society Foundation (NO KY VENDOR#)**
  - Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to provide a one-year exhibition of the history of Kentucky women veterans who served in the military.
  - The Board voted to delay the vote.
    - # Initial Motion made by David Rummler (JECVO)
    - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
    - # Amended Motion made for a seven-day turn-around for budget by Dave

**7. HorseSensing, Inc. (KY0066943)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$15,000** to create more housing for veteran men that live at our program while going through the HS Grooming Education, Certification, and Job Placement Program.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$15,000**
  - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
  - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**8. DAV Chapter 003 (KY0070628)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$2,651.66** to purchase a standard uniform for funeral details, posting of colors, and other veteran events.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$4,095**
  - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
  - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**GRANT SUMMARY**

- Total amount of Grants approved: 7 of 8.
- Total amount approved: **\$150,895.00**

**DISCUSSION**

Discussion presented by the Commissioner regarding a work group within the Trust Fund board to discuss ways the VPTF conducts business. The Deputy Commissioner will head this group.

Mr. Rummler announced that an event is occurring Friday June 30, 2023, at the Veterans Park in Jeffersontown from 6pm-10pm for the Tri-An Foundation event that was funded by the VPTF at the March 2023 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

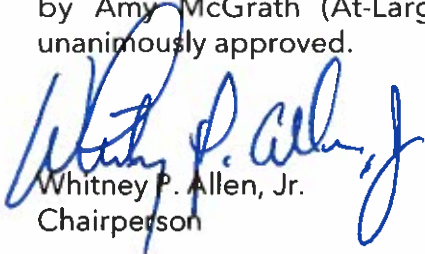
DATE: September 13, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m. EST

PLACE: KDVA, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via Zoom teleconference depending on circumstances related to COVID-19 restrictions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dave Jarrett (DAV) and seconded by Amy McGrath (At-Large) to adjourn at 12:01 p.m. Motion for adjournment was unanimously approved.

  
Whitney P. Allen, Jr.  
Chairperson

Jarrett (DAV)

- # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
- # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**2. Warrior Battalion (NO KY VENDOR #)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$12,000** to provide emergency funds to veterans for one year.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$6,000**
  - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
  - # Motion seconded by David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**3. Kentucky Minuteman Relief Fund (NO KY VENDOR #)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$34,000** To provide financial assistance to Kentucky National Guard soldiers and airmen when unexpected emergencies occur.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$34,000.**
  - # Initial Motion made by David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)
  - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**4. NABVETS (KY0059441)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$16,000** to fund events for the "Week of Valor."
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$13,800.**
  - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
  - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarrett (DAV)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**5. Honor Flight Kentucky (KY0056700)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$50,000** to fly veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit war memorials.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$50,000**
  - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
  - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

**6. Service Dog Solutions, Inc. (NO KY VENDOR #)**

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$28,000** to train and place four (4) service dogs with a veteran over the next year.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$28,000**
  - # Initial Motion made by David Best (Governor's Advisory Board/GAB)
  - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
  - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.