



**County of El Dorado
Meeting Minutes
Veteran Affairs Commission**

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Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo
Roger Reynolds, District II – Alternate VACANT
Kurt Raffetto, District III – Alternate Jake Parsons
Ken Welch, District IV – Alternate Tim Thompson
Daniel Browne, Jr., District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

Yasmin Hichborn, Acting Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs Commission

Thursday, November 12, 2020 @ 1200 hours

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG occurred 1202 hours (meeting held virtually via Zoom and in-person at the Veterans Memorial Building)**
- II. ROLL CALL**

District	Commissioners Present	Alternates Present	Absent
I	Smith, Todd	Poimiroo, John	
II	Tim Thompson	Reynolds, Roger	
III	Raffetto, Kurt		Parsons, Jake
IV	Welch, Ken	Vacant	
V	Vacant	Houseworth, Phillip	

III. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Patty Moley, HHSA, Asst. Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Services; Richard Todd, HHSA Program Manager; Yasmin Hichborn, HHSA Department Analyst II; Lance Poinsett, Senior Veterans Service Representative, David Zelinsky; Veterans Advocate, Marlene Pierce, Sammy Pierce, Joaquin Simons, Dan Browne, Herve LeConte, Christine Leigh-Taylor, Tim Whalen

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA and APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests separate action on a specific item including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the Agenda and the Consent Calendar for discussion. At the appropriate time as called by the Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to action.

A motion was made to Roger Reynolds to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Phillip Houseworth. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Phillip Houseworth and seconded by Roger Reynolds to approve the Minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

None

VIII. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Lance Poinsett provided the Ex-Officio Report.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**A. TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)**

Kurt Raffetto provided the TOT Report. The funding recommendations will be discussed under New Business.

B. RULES – No Report**C. LEGISLATIVE – No Report****D. TRANSPORTATION – Tim Whalen provided the Transportation Report.****E. BUDGET – No Report****F. EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT – No report.****G. SOCIAL MEDIA – John Poimiroo provided the report.****X. COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE****A. AD HOC (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)**

Roger Reynolds provided the report.

B. AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

David Zelinsky provided his report.

C. FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT

John Poimiroo provided an update.

D. EL DORADO VETERANS RESOURCES – PERMANENT STAND DOWN

Christine Leigh-Taylor provided an update on the Permanent Stand Down.

E. REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS

John Poimiroo reported that due to COVID-19 the Veterans Day ceremony was held virtually. Tim Whalen added that the mobile parade for veterans started in El Dorado Hills and ended in Placerville. The feedback indicates the event was well-received by the Veterans.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Representative from the South Lake Tahoe Area (Smith)**
Todd Smith reported that Dan Browne submitted an application to Supervisor Novasel. Todd also sent a follow-up email and encouraged Dan to follow-up as well.
- B. Re-Opening Protocol for In-Person Services (Raffetto)**
The Veterans Memorial Building has re-opened on a limited basis.
- C. Vacancies on Committees – Review & Refresh Committees (Raffetto)**
TOT Committee: Phillip Houseworth, Alternate
Rules Committee: Todd Smith
Transportation: Vacant
Education & Employment: Vacant
- D. TOT – Continued Discussion (Smith/Raffetto)**
The TOT Committee is discussing fixed allocations for 2021. Additional information will be provided at the December meeting.
- E. Status of Letter of Support for 2017 California SB 330 (Raffetto/Smith)**
Patty Moley will follow up with County Counsel to determine if the letter can be sent to the City of Placerville and the City of South Lake Tahoe. Patty will forward the signed letter to the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. TOT Committee Mini Grant Recommendations**
Kurt Raffetto reviewed the TOT Committee’s recommendations. A motion was made by Todd Smith to approve the TOT mini-grants at the recommended amounts. The motion was seconded by Tim Thompson. The motion was approved.

Organization Name	Grant Title Description	Grant Amount Requested	TOT Committee Approved	Approved Grant
Valhalla Tahoe	Veteran's September 2020 Mini-Grant Application for Valhalla Tahoe's Historic Preservation Efforts	\$3,500	No	N/A
El Dorado Post 119, American Legión	Post Service Officer Phone Grant	\$648	Yes	\$648
Calvary Chapel on the Georgetown Divide Food Ministry	Food Ministry / funds to purchase food (from food bank at discounted rate)	\$3,000	Yes	\$3,000
EDCFSC	Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
The Lighted Candle	Veteran's September 2020 Mini-Grant Application	\$3,500	Yes	\$1,500
Food Bank of El Dorado County	No Vet Goes Hungry	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
Cold Springs Church	Veterans Services Grant	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
SLT Cancer League	Veteran's Grant for Transportation	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500

Total Requested \$24,648 \$19,148

- B. Update on El Dorado Veterans Resources (EDVR) which is co-located at the Veterans Memorial Building**
Christine Leigh Taylor provided an update.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Rotary Club has placed a Veterans Purple Heart sign next to the Welcome to Placerville sign on Highway 50.
- Lance Poinsett announced that the new Veterans Services Officer has been hired and will attend the December meeting.
- Roger Reynolds is still working with Stephanie Carlson to arrange training. Snowline Hospice would like to also attend the training.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT 1312 hours.

Acronyms:

TOT=Transient Occupancy Tax

CAO=Chief Administrative Office

BOS=Board of Supervisors

EDC=El Dorado County

HHSA=Health and Human Services Agency

VAC=Veteran Affairs Commission

VSO=Veteran Services Office

SrVSR=Senior Veterans Service Representative