



County of El Dorado Meeting Minutes Veteran Affairs Commission

Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo
Tim Thompson, District II – Alternate Roger Reynolds
Kurt Raffetto, District III – Alternate Jake Parsons
William “Bill” Scrivani, District IV – Alternate Timothy “Tim” Page
Robert “Bob” Sweatt, District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
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Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 1200 hours

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CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG @ 1202 hours

ROLL CALL

Table with 3 columns: District, Present, Absent. Rows include District I (Poimiroo, Smith), District II (Thompson, Reynolds), District III (Raffetto, Parsons), District IV (Scrivani, Page), and District V (Houseworth, Sweatt).

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

David Zelinsky, American Legion Post 119; Don; John Hidahl, District I Supervisor; Lauren Hernandez, Military Family Support Group; Austin Wiswell; Tim Whalen VA Vet Center-EDVR- Stand Down Committee; Amanda Williams, Snowline Hospice; Patty Moley, HHSA, Asst. Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Resources; Don Semon HHSA Director; Karen Feathers, HHSA Assistant; Richard Todd, HHSA Program Manager.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Smith) (Raffetto)

1. Chair of the Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of December 12, 2019.
2. Approve quarterly mileage and expenses October-November-December 2019.

District	Name	Oct	Nov	Dec	Qrtly. Total Mileage Claimed	Mileage
		Miles Claimed	Miles Claimed	Miles Claimed		X .580
		Mtg Cancelled	11/14/2019	12/12/2019		Reimbursement
						Total
I	Smith	0.00	27.20	0.00	27.20	15.78
	Poimiroo	0.00	35.20	35.20	70.40	40.83
II	Thompson	0.00	22.80	0.00	22.80	13.22
	Reynolds	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	13.92
III	Raffetto	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Parsons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IV	Scrivani	0.00	24.30	24.30	48.60	28.19
	Page	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
V	Sweatt	0.00	123.30	123.30	246.60	143.03
	Houseworth	0.00	19.40	19.40	38.80	22.50
	<i>Quarterly Mileage & Reimbursement TOTAL</i>	0.00	252.20	226.20	478.40	\$ 277.47

John Poimiroo motion to approve consent calendar, Phil Houseworth second motion, approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEMS

1. New Officers (~~Smith~~) (Raffetto) Discussion. Phil Houseworth motion to nominate John Poimiroo for Chair, Tim Thompson second motion, approved. John Poimiroo motion to nominate Phil Houseworth for Vice-Chair, Tim Thompson second motion, approved. Discussion, Chair and Vice-Chair to remain the same.

TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) (Chair-Raffetto/Vice-ChairScrivani)

RULES (Chair-Smith/Vice-Chair Scrivani)

LEGISLATIVE (Chair-Raffetto/Vice-Chair Smith)

TRANSPORTATION (Chair-Sweatt/Vice-Chair Thompson)

BUDGET (Chair-Parsons/Vice-Chair Poimiroo)

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT (Chair-Sweatt/Vice-Chair Houseworth)

SOCIAL MEDIA (Chair-Scrivani/Vice-Chair Poimiroo)

John Poimiroo motion to keep the positions of Chair and Vice Chair the same, Tim Thompson second motion, approved.

2. Discussion based on actual T.O.T. revenues in FY18/19 for the FY19/20 allotment of \$265,739 (Raffetto)

Last month meeting 12/12/19; the TOT committee recommendation: Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Board of Supervisors approve the FY19/20 allotment of \$265,739 per breakdown as follows:

Friends of the Veterans Monument Upkeep & Lighting	\$	10,000
Only Kindness, Inc.		12,000
Student Resource Center Folsom Lake College		5,000
Student Resource Center Lake Tahoe Community College		18,000
Snowline Hospice Veteran Care Program		25,000
Veteran Education Center Folsom Lake College		35,000
Military Family Support Group		8,000
EDC Department of Veteran Affairs Intern Extra-Help		19,000
Sierra Chaplaincy		3,000

	\$	135,000
Members approved Mini-Grant allocation		130,739
Total		<u>\$ 265,739</u>

Roger Reynolds motion to approve, Tim Thompson second motion, approved.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE (Absent excused)

COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
 - Future funding – discussion (Raffetto) Status quo for now, possibility to raise the grant amount by next cycle and include a required reporting component for all programs that receive TOT funds.
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) John Hidahl report first reading has been completed, second reading scheduled for January 28, 2020, making this the final step.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) No report
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson) Receive and file.
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Computer hard drive down, report will be sent out as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS’ REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** *Receive & file*
- **FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT** John Poimiroo reports on Board of Directors elections for terms expiring January 2022, Gary Campbell, Greg Etzel, Vern Pierson, Christine Wurzer. Marty Sanford to be granted continued status as Director Emeritus with authority to attend any Board meeting and participate in discussions. Officers President Gary Campbell, Vice-President Jack Babbitt and Secretary-Treasurer John Poimiroo. We meet four times a year. Feasibility discussion to hire an accountant

(possibility using TOT funds) to manage county assets and services to maintain books, submit taxes and required filing.

Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance; we have received positive feedback about the ceremonies, the scholarship presentations and key note address speakers. *Veterans Day plans may include a drum line going down all pathways doing performance in middle of ceremony; we are looking for an organization that may be able to perform.*

- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** *Lauren Hernandez reports recruiting and keeping volunteers is a challenge, all revenue received is 100% returned to program. Board continued discussion on viability of MFSG and EDVR relying on volunteers, how can we be sustainable? Huge gap of key people who have transitioned out of MFSG and EDVR, options are few.*

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 2020 Mileage Rate 57.5 cents per mile, per IRS announcement.
- Mark your calendar for the next Stand Down here at the Veterans Memorial Building, September 26, 2020 (Saturday); rain date October 3, 2020 (Saturday).
- Georgetown Veteran Resource Fair, tentative date set for May 23, 2020.
- Veterans Virtual Flight May 15, 2020, Kathy Hatten is looking for “guardians” to escort our vets and participants, applications for participants and service providers are available.
- 2020 Roundtable of groups that service veterans, staff requesting Commission representative. A forum for these entities to establish better relationships, collaboration, shared knowledge and a reporting guideline of the TOT Mini-Grant awardees. Meeting scheduled for spring, group structure similar to ACT collaborative.
- Amanda Williamson reports Snowline Hospice hosting two artist receptions. January 16, 2020 5:30-7:30 at 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 240N, Sacramento and January 21, 2020, 5:30-7:30 at 6520 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs. All are invited.
- Tim Thompson is back and feeling good, welcome back.
- Annual report continued to next meeting.
- Windows To My Soul, center for equine assisted psychotherapy and TOT Mini-Grant awardee, and Austin Wisell are working together on how to reach out and get information out to the veteran community

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Road, Placerville CA 95667, meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1200 hours.

ADJOURNMENT @ 1241 hours