



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

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

Yasmin Hichborn, Acting Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs Commission

Thursday, October 8, 2020 @ 1200 hours

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I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG occurred 1202 hours (meeting held virtually video and conference call)

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Patty Moley, HHSA, Asst. Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Services; Don Semon HHSA Director; Yasmin Hichborn, HHSA Department Analyst II; Lance Poinsett, Senior Veterans Service Representative, Supervisor John Hidahl, David Zelinsky; Veterans Advocate, Marlene Pierce, Sammy Pierce, Joaquin Simons, Dan Brown, Dave Fischer, Joe Boswith, Doug Williams,

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 approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the August 13, 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 TOT Committee received eight (8) mini grant applications. Some of the applications will need to be researched prior to making decisions. The TOT Committee will make recommendations at the next VAC meeting.

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

Phillip Houseworth provided the report. He spoke with Stephanie Carlson from Behavioral Health and she is willing to provide the Mental Health First Aid class to the Veteran Affairs Commission.

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

David Zelinsky provided a report.

E. REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS

John Poimiroo reported that due to COVID-19 the Veterans Day ceremony will be virtual.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Representative from the South Lake Tahoe Area (Houseworth/Poinsett)**
Todd Smith is working with Supervisor Novasel to identify a representative from the South Lake Tahoe area.
- B. Effect of COVID-19 on Veterans and Services (Raffetto)**
Lance Poinsett reported that the Veterans Memorial Building is open. Plexiglas protectors have been placed on desks. Social distancing is encouraged and face masks are available. Appointments are available on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the SLT HHSAA Sandy Way location. Most business is conducted via phone and/or email.
- C. Re-Opening Protocol for In-Person Services (Raffetto)**
Re-opening will depend upon when the County moves to the Yellow tier.
- D. 2017 California SB 330 – Building Permit Fees: Waiver (Moley/Smith)**
-- Proposed Recommendation Letter to Board of Supervisors
The letter of support for SB330 was discussed. As presented at the August 2020 meeting, El Dorado County has a Fee Waiver Policy, however, it does not apply to within the South Lake Tahoe or Placerville city limits. A motion was made to recommend the El Dorado County Veteran Affairs Commission send a letter of support to the two cities located within El Dorado County and the County Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded and approved. The letter supports all veterans whether or not they have financial need.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. El Dorado Community Foundation – Veterans Funding Opportunity (Todd)**
Nothing to report. Rich Todd did not attend the meeting.
- B. Vacancies on Committees – Review & Refresh Committees (Raffetto)**
Committees updated:
TOT – Phillip Houseworth as alternate
Social Media – John Poimiroo and Roger Reynolds
Education & Employment – No changes.
- C. TOT – Continued Discussion (Smith/Raffetto)**
Nothing to report at this time.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER

- David Zelinsky announced that he is working with the Tahoe Coalition and Only Kindness along with the Reno Veterans Center.
- Supervisor Hidahl is hosting a Zoom meeting on November 2, 2020. Todd Smith and John Poimiroo will be the guest speakers.
- Lance Poinsett is exploring ways to better serve the veterans in the South Lake Tahoe area.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT 1314 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