



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

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Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo
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Ken Welch, District IV – Alternate Tim Thompson
Daniel Browne, Jr., District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

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Thursday, December 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	<i>Smith, Todd</i>	<i>Poimiroo, John</i>	
II	<i>Reynolds, Roger</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
III	<i>Raffetto, Kurt</i>		<i>Parsons, Jake</i>
IV		<i>Tim Thompson</i>	<i>Welch, Ken</i>
V	<i>Daniel Browne, Jr.</i>	<i>Houseworth, Phillip</i>	

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; Maki Ganno, Department Analyst II, Fiscal, Chele Beretz, Veterans Services Officer, Lance Poinsett, Senior Veterans Services Representative, David Zelinsky; Veterans Advocate, Joshua Castro, Chris Cockrell, James Eggert, Julie Limbaugh, Tyler Jacobs, Joe Coca

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 by Roger Reynolds to approve the Agenda with the New Business addition of Captain Paul Jacobs. The motion was seconded by Dan Browne. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Roger Reynolds and seconded by Dan Browne to approve the Minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

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

None

VIII. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Lance Poinsett provided the Ex-Officio Report. Lance reported that the agenda was not posted to the website within the required 72 hours. The Commission will not be able to vote on any action items. Lance introduced Chele Beretz as the new Veterans Services Officer. Chele provided information on her experience.

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. The TOT Committee continues to discuss their allocation.

B. RULES – No Report**C. LEGISLATIVE – No Report****D. TRANSPORTATION – No 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)**

Roger Reynolds announced the cancellation of the December meeting.

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

No report.

E. REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS

XI. OLD BUSINESS**A. None.****NEW BUSINESS****A. Welcome New Commissioner – Daniel Browne, Jr. (South Lake Tahoe)**

Dan Browne introduced himself. He is looking forward to giving back to Veterans and representing the South Lake Tahoe area.

B. Subscribe to EDC Veteran Affairs Commission Website for Meeting Information

Patty Moley provided information on subscribing to the Veteran Affairs Commission website. Emails are sent to subscribers whenever there is a change to the website. Additional information will be provided at the January 2021 meeting.

C. Captain Paul Jacobs (New Item)

Todd Smith received a call from Senator Tom McClintock's office regarding Captain Paul Jacobs who was a resident of El Dorado County. John Poimoroo provide information on Captain Jacob's and his extraordinary service during the end of the Vietnam War. There will be an article written in the Mountain Democrat and KCRA news will also be contacted.

D. Approval of TOT Committee Mini Grant Recommendations

Due to the late posting of the agenda, a vote could not be taken on this item. This agenda item will be moved to the January 2021 meeting.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The veterans in South Lake Tahoe are in need of meals, blankets and warm coats. The American Legion may be able to provide the needed items.
- Chele Beretz would like Veteran Affairs to be more involved with assisting homeless veterans.
- Tim Thompson will be following up with Captain Jacob's family.
- New hours at the Veterans Memorial Building will be:
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday – By appointment only
 - Tuesday, Thursday – Open 9:00am to 4:00pm for walk-ins. Staff is available from 8:00am to 5:00pm by phone.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 12 noon. (Virtual Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT 1315 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