



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

Department of Veteran Affairs
130 Placerville Drive, Suite B
Placerville CA 95667
ww.edcgov.us/veterans
Telephone: 530-621-5892
Fax: 530-621-2218

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, August 13, 2020 @ 1200 hours

Veteran Affairs Commission Agendas and Minutes are available for viewing in the Veteran Memorial Building lobby at 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667 and online <http://www.edcgov.us/veterans/commission>

I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG occurred 1201 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>Reynolds, Roger</i>	<i>Thompson, Tim</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; Tom Burnette, Deputy Director/Building Official, EDC Community Development Agency, Development Services Division, Building Services, Don Knight, Deputy Building Official, EDC Community Development Agency, Development Services Division, Building Services, Lance Poinsett, Senior Veterans Service Representative, David Zelinsky; Veterans Advocate, Marlene Pierce, Sammy Pierce, Joaquin Simons

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. The motion was seconded by John Poimiroo. The motion was approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Roger Reynolds and seconded by John Poimoroo to approve the Minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Roger Reynolds and seconded by John Poimoroo to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**VII. ACTION ITEMS****A. Effect of COVID-19 on Veterans and Services**

The Veteran Services Office is not open for in-person appointments. Veterans needing services are contacted by telephone, email or U.S. Mail. If a veteran needs to come to the office, they are asked to wear a mask and social distance.

B. Re-Opening Protocol for In-Person Services

There is not a set date for re-opening in-person services.

VIII. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

No Report

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**A. TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) – Discussed as part of Action Items.**

The TOT Committee will reach out to the grantees to determine the status of the expenditure levels and future funding needs. John Poimiroo would be interested in joining this committee if someone else is added to the Social Media and Budget Committees.

B. RULES – No Report**C. LEGISLATIVE – Lance Poinsett requested a representative from the Veteran Affairs Commission attend legislative meetings. Lance will send out a summary of upcoming meetings and events.****D. TRANSPORTATION – No Report****E. BUDGET – No Report****F. EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT – The announcement of the Veteran Service Officer recruitment was posted on social media.****X. COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE****A. AD HOC (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)**

Roger Reynolds provided his 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

David Zelinsky provided a report.

E. REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS

John Poimiroo reported that due to COVID-19 regional events are on hold.

XI. NEW BUSINESS**A. Representative from the South Lake Tahoe Area**

A District V representative is needed from the South Lake Tahoe area. Phillip Houseworth and Lance Poinsett will contact Supervisor Novasel.

B. VA College Benefit Reductions to Basic Housing Allowance (Poimiroo)

The VA will allow the full basic housing allowances for veterans attending on-line classes.

C. Letter Regarding Vandalism to Armed Forces Statues (Poimiroo)

Nothing to report.

D. Discussion of White Paper – The COVID War

John Poimiroo wanted veterans to have factual information regarding COVID. The letter was distributed to all veterans on the mailing list.

E. Meeting Locations in South Lake Tahoe

The City of South Lake Tahoe is now charging for meeting rooms at their city facilities. Patty Moley suggested the Commission meet at the Health & Human Services campus in South Lake Tahoe. There will be no charge for the meeting room. Patty will reserve a meeting room in South Lake Tahoe for the October 8, 2020 meeting.

F. 2017 California SB 330 – Building Permit Fees: Waiver – Major Edward G. Sotelo

Patty Moley explained that SB 330 allows counties to waive building permit fees to make homes more accessible for disabled veterans. This is not a mandate. Tom Burnette and Don Knight from the El Dorado County Community Development Agency, Development Services Division, Building Services provided information on the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Policy B-2 Fee Waiving (www.edcgov.us/Government/BOS/Policies/Documents/B-2%20Fee%20Waiving%203-19-19%20%283%29.pdf). This policy was provided to Major Edward G. Sotelo.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Patty Moley announced that five (5) VASH vouchers are available for veterans living in the South Lake Tahoe area.
- David Zelinsky announced the opening of the Veterans Resource Center 3 to 4 days per week. Specific hours are not set at this time.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 12 noon.

ADJOURNMENT 1303 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*