



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
Ken Welch, District IV – Alternate Timothy “Tim” Page
Vacant, District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

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**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	Smith, Todd	Poimiroo, John	
II	Thompson, Tim	Reynolds, Roger	
III	Raffetto, Kurt		Parsons, Jake
IV	Welch, Ken	Page, Tim	
V	Vacant	Houseworth, Phillip	

III. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Patty Moley, HHSA, Asst. Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Services; Don Semon HHSA Director; Richard Todd, HHSA Program Manager; Yvonne Kollings, HHSA CFO; Yasmin Hichborn, HHSA Department Analyst II; Lance Poinsett, Senior Veterans Service Representative; Joshua Castro, Veterans Service Representative, Julie Limbaugh, Veteran Services Office; Elise Hardy, EDC Human Resources, David Zelinsky; Shannon Strickler, Snowline Hospice

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.

- 1. A motion was made by Kurt Raffetto to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by John Poimiroo. The motion was approved.*

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A motion was made by Kurt Raffetto to approve the Minutes from the May 21, 2020 meeting with the revisions made by Don Semon and John Poimiroo. The motion was seconded by Roger Reynolds. The motion was approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**V. ACTION ITEMS****1. Discuss and Approve TOT Mini Grant**

The TOT Committee meet before to Veterans Committee. The submitted mini-grant applications were reviewed and the recommendations discussed.

Legal Name of Organization	Grant Title Description	Amount Requested	Recommended Action
The Elders Community Fund	Short Term Homemaker Services - Veterans Living Alone or with Disabled Spouse	\$3,057	Approve
El Dorado Post 119, American Legion	Veteran's May 2020 Mini-Grant Application	\$3,500	Decline
Sierra Community Access Television	Celebrating Veterans and Promoting Services	\$1,500	Approve
El Dorado County Fire Safe Council	Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes	\$3,500	Approve
Sierra Chaplaincy	Spiritual & emotional care for hospitalized veterans	\$3,000	Decline
Progress House Inc.	Vehicle Transportation	\$3,500	Decline \$3,500 Approve \$1,500
Windows To My Soul	Helping Veterans Through Hard Times	\$3,500	Approve
Operation Rebound/DeCelle Memorial Relay	Veterans Reunion Lake Tahoe winter sports and Capt. Robert De Celle Memorial Relay	\$3,500	Approve
MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP	COVID-19 Military/Veteran Families Hardship Alleviation	\$3,500	Approve
Arts and Culture El Dorado	Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop	\$3,500	Approve
Veterans Memorial Building of El Dorado County Veterans Building Council, Inc.	El Dorado Veterans BASH & Stand Down Support	\$3,500	Decline
Total Requested		\$35,557	\$23,557

A motion was made by Phillip Houseworth to accept and approve the T.O.T. Committee recommendations. The motion was seconded by Roger Reynolds. The motion was approved.

VI. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

No Report

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- A. TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** – Discussed as part of Action Items.
- B. RULES** – No Report
- C. LEGISLATIVE** – Lance Poinsett will review AB 2688
- D. TRANSPORTATION** – No Report
- E. BUDGET** – No Report
- F. EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** – No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- A. AD HOC (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)**
No 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 the Veteran of the Year will be awarded in November in a virtual setting. The award will be based on community service.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER

- The Veteran Center would like to open for in-person services.
- Lance Poinsett is stepping down from the Veteran Services Officer position. He will be continuing to serve veterans as the Senior Veterans Representative.
- Patty Moley reported that Patricia Morello has retired.
- Patty Moley also reported on the availability of VASH vouchers. Outreach will be conducted to utilize the vouchers.
- Don Semon provided a county budget update.
- John Poimiroo reported as result of COVID-19 and colleges changing to on-line instruction, the VAA has reduced the scholarship amounts to veterans. The reduction can be up to \$2,000/month. This situation will be monitored.
- The Commission would like a representative from the South Lake Tahoe area.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 12 noon. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT 1255 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