



County of El Dorado Meeting Minutes Veteran Affairs Commission

Todd Smith, District I – Alternate John Poimiroo
Chris Cockrell, District II – Alternate Roger Reynolds
Kurt Raffetto, District III – Alternate Josh Castro
Ken Welch, District IV – Alternate Tim Thompson
Daniel Browne, Jr., District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
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Thursday, June 10, 2021 @ 1200 hours

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I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Meeting called to order at 1200 hours.

II. ROLL CALL

District	Present	Alternates	Absent
I		John Poimiroo	Todd Smith
II		Roger Reynolds	Chris Cockrell
III	Kurt Raffetto	Josh Castro	
IV	Ken Welch		Tim Thompson
V	Dan Browne	Phillip Houseworth	

III. INTRODUCTION OF HHSA STAFF

Ranell Brown, HHSA Deputy Director, Community Services; Richard Todd, HHSA Program Manager; Yasmin Hichborn, HHSA Administrative Analyst II; Lauren Odell, Veterans Services Administrative Tech; Lance Poinsett, Sr. Veteran Services Officer,

Maki Ganno, Accountant; Gary Campbell, EDC Veterans Alliance; David Zelinsky, Veterans Advocate; John Hidahl, El Dorado County District 1 Supervisor;

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Request to add Richard Todd to the Agenda under IX made and approved.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Ken Welch and seconded by Dan Browne to approve the May 13, 2021 Minutes. The motion was approved 5-0.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

No action items

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

VII. GUEST SPEAKER - VETERAN SPOTLIGHT – USCG Veteran Jesse Rangel

- **Veteran Careers in Federal Law Enforcement**

Mr. Rangel was unable to join the meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None

IX. EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE (Poinsett)

Lance Poinsett provided the Ex-Officio Report.

Richard Todd is scheduling a public meeting regarding the objection to the memorial plaque for Capt. Jacobs being placed at the Monument.

Richard Todd asked to discuss funding for the Intern position in the Veteran Services department from TOT funds for FY21-22. John Poimiroo asked to put this topic on the agenda for the July 8th meeting.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Houseworth)

Kurt Raffetto reported that Mini-Grant applications were reviewed and discussed at the June TOT meeting.

- **RULES** (Poimiroo/Houseworth) – No Report

- **SPECIAL COMMITTEE – HOUSING** (Welch/Castro)

Joshua Castro has been in contact with Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless regarding housing in the South Lake Tahoe area.

- **LEGISLATIVE** (Smith/Raffetto)

Legislative updates will be available after the June CACVSO conference.

- **TRANSPORTATION** (Browne/Thompson) – No Report

- **BUDGET** (Houseworth/Reynolds)

A budget has been allocated for the shed to be built at the Veterans Memorial Building.

- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Cockrell/Browne)

Dan Browne and Chris Cockrell have met with Union Mine High School to observe the ROTC program, and continue to work towards expanding the program throughout the County. Dan Browne suggested that HHS provide more outreach for connecting Veterans to job opportunities.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Reynolds/Poimiroo)

Roger Reynolds reported the increased traffic on Social Media. A large portion of that is from the Memorial Day broadcast.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – VETERANS HOUSE COUNCIL** (Reynolds)
Roger Reynolds requested information on funding reserves within HHSA (referred to Richard Todd). Roger also reported that he would like to reimburse Dave Sauve for the purchase of the Flag and Flagpole.
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** (Zelinsky)
David Zelinsky provided his report.
- **EDC VETERANS ALLIANCE** (Poi miroo)
Gary Campbell provided the report on Memorial Day events.
 - **Capt. Paul Jacobs USN – Memorial Plaque**
The plaque for Capt. Jacobs has not been placed on the Veterans Memorial Wall, pending public meeting.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES**
David Zelinsky provided report. EDVR is staffed M-F from 10am-12pm.
- **REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS**
Stand Down events have been held in neighboring counties (Poinsett)

XII. OLD BUSINESS.

- A. SB 661 Revisions to the Cal Vet Loan Program** (Poi miroo) – this topic is postponed until the July meeting; pending CACVSO conference in June
- B. Recommendation to Double CVSO Funding** (Poi miroo) – this topic is postponed until the July meeting; pending CACVSO conference in June
- C. Veteran Mentors** (Poi miroo) – John Poi miroo reminded Commission members to add their names to the Veteran Mentors list for assisting Veterans in the Community Colleges.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commissioners Thank You Ceremony** (Poi miroo/Houseworth) – Thank you for your Service Lance Poinsett and Patricia Morello.

XIV. GOOD OF THE ORDER (Additional Commission and HHSA Staff Comments)

- A. Joshua Castro thanked the Placerville Garden Club for the Blue Star Plaque presentation on Friday, May 28th.
- B. Dan Browne has started a non-profit called Lake Tahoe Veterans Alliance. Will conduct outreach and host events in the South Lake Tahoe area.
- C. Roger Reynolds requested to track Lake Tahoe Veterans Alliance social media as part of the Commission reporting.
- D. Lance Poinsett explained how CACVSO funding is distributed by the State to the County VSO.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (Public Comment is limited to three minutes per person.)

R. Michelson; J. Connolly

XV. NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, July 8, 2021 @ 1200 Hours in Georgetown.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1301 hours.

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