



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

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Daniel Browne, Jr., District V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth  
Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

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**Thursday, January 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>Vacant</i>	
IV	<i>Welch, Ken</i>	<i>Thompson, Tim</i>	
V	<i>Browne, Jr., Daniel</i>	<i>Houseworth, Phillip</i>	

**III. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS**

*Patty Moley, HHSA, Asst. Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Services; Ranell Brown, HHSA Deputy Director, Self Sufficiency and Community Services, Richard Todd, HHSA Program Manager; Yasmin Hichborn, HHSA Administrative Analyst II; Maki Gano, HHSA Administrative Analyst II, Fiscal, Chele Beretz, Veterans Services Officer, David Zelinsky; Veterans Advocate, Gary Campbell, Chris Cockrell, Shannon Strickler, Ron Cassity, Ruth Michaelson*

**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 Dan Browne. The motion was approved. John Poimiroo will be the Chair for 2021 and Phillip Houseworth will be the Vice Chair.

Patty Moley requested that Item 10B under Old Business be moved to the February meeting.

To be consistent with other Committee Reports, the TOT Committee will state "Raffetto/Houseworth" on subsequent agendas.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion was made and seconded by to approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**VII. ACTION ITEMS**

None

**VIII. EX-OFFICIO REPORT**

No Report.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**

**A. TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)**

Kurt Raffetto provided the TOT Report. The Committee is planning to visit agencies in the South Lake Tahoe area to review the services provided with the TOT grants. Dan Browne will attend the meetings. There will be no meeting of the TOT Committee in February.

**B. RULES – No Report**

**C. LEGISLATIVE – No Report**

**D. TRANSPORTATION – David Zelinsky provided the report. He is searching for an additional van with a wheelchair lift. All Veterans who requested transportation services have been accommodated.**

**E. BUDGET – No Report**

**F. EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT – Phillip Houseworth provided the report..**

**G. SOCIAL MEDIA – John Poimiroo reported that the social media site is very active.**

**X. COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**

**A. AD HOC (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)**

Gary Campbell announced that the due to COVID-19 restrictions, meetings were not held in December or January. Gary would like the minutes from the Ad Hoc Veterans Memorial Building—Veterans House Council meetings to be included with the Veteran Affairs Commission meeting materials.

**B. AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER**

David Zelinsky provided his report.

**C. FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT**

Gary Campbell provided the report. Future in-person events will be scheduled when the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Virtual events have been very successful. John Poimiroo added the virtual events have used significantly less funding and the Friends of the Veterans Monument may not need to request funding next year.

**D. EL DORADO VETERANS RESOURCES – PERMANENT STAND DOWN**

David Zelinsky provided a report. Office hours ae Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. They are in need of tents and sleeping bags.

**E. REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS**

No Report.

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. TOT Continued Discussion of Budgets**

The budgets and proposed mini grants are listed under New Business. Due to COVID-19 and a reduced county budget, the total amount available for TOT Allocations have been temporarily reduced for this fiscal year.

**B. Subscription to EDC Veteran Affairs Commission Website for Meeting Information**

Patty Moley requested this item be moved to the February meeting agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of TOT FY 2020/2021 Grant Recommendations**

Kurt Raffetto reviewed the TOT Committee grant recommendations. A motion was made by Todd Smith to approve the TOT Grant Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Roger Reynolds. The motion was approved (5-0).

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Requested 2020 Grant</b>	<b>TOT Approved</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Folsom Lake College	\$35,000	No	N/A
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Lake Tahoe Community College	\$18,000	Yes	\$6,000
Snowline Hospice	\$25,000	Yes	\$25,000
Friends of Veterans Monument	\$10,000	No	N/A
Sierra Chaplaincy	\$ 3,000	Yes	\$4,000
MFSG/EDVR	\$ 8,000	Yes	\$8,000
Only Kindness	\$12,000	Yes	\$12,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116,000</b>		<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Additional TOT Allocation (2020/2021) for Mini-Grants</b>			<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>Total TOT Allocation</b>			<b>\$90,000</b>

**B. Approval of TOT Committee Mini Grant Recommendations**

Kurt Raffetto reviewed the chart of mini grant recommendations. A motion was made by Roger Reynolds and seconded by Ken Welch. The motion was approved (5-0).

Organization Name	Grant Title Description	Grant Amount Requested	Approved	Amount
Valhalla Tahoe	Veteran's September 2020 Mini-Grant Application for Valhalla Tahoe's Historic Preservation Efforts	\$3,500	No	N/A
El Dorado Post 119, American Legión	Post Service Officer Phone Grant	\$648	Yes	\$648
Calvary Chapel on the Georgetown Divide Food Ministry	Food Ministry / funds to purchase food (from food bank at discounted rate)	\$3,000	Yes	\$3,000
EDCFSC	Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
The Lighted Candle	Veteran's September 2020 Mini-Grant Application	\$3,500	Yes	\$1,500
Food Bank of El Dorado County	No Vet Goes Hungry	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
Cold Springs Church	Veterans Services Grant	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
SLT Cancer League	Veteran's Grant for Transportation	\$3,500	Yes	\$3,500
<b>Total Requested</b>		<b><u>\$24,648</u></b>		<b><u>\$19,148</u></b>

**XII. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Due to staffing shortages, the Placerville Police Department is no longer participating with the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

**NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME**

Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 1200 hours. (Virtual Meeting)

**ADJOURNMENT 1247 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*