



County of El Dorado Meeting Minutes Veteran Affairs Commission

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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 are 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).

Organization Name	Requested 2020 Grant	TOT Approved	Approved Amount
Folsom Lake College	\$35,000	No	N/A
Folsom Lake College	\$ 5,000	No	N/A
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
Total	\$116,000		\$55,000
Additional TOT Allocation (2020/2021) for Mini-Grants			\$35,000
Total TOT Allocation			\$90,000

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
Total Requested		<u>\$24,648</u>		<u>\$19,148</u>

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:

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The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved. John Poimiroo the new chair for 2021 welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the new District II appointee, Chris Cockrell.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Kurt Raffetto noted an error in the year on the January minutes. It should be 2021. A motion was made by Kurt Raffetto to approve the January Minutes with the revision. The motion was seconded by Ken Welch. The motion was approved.

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

None

VIII. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Chele Beretz provided the Ex-Officio Report. A recent audit for the time period of July 2020 through December 31, 2020 resulted in zero errors. Great news for the team. A new Admin Tech and Temporary General Trainee have been hired. Travel claims for healthcare should be submitted on-line. John Poimiroo requested that Chele send out information on what services the VA is providing to veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**A. TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)**

Kurt Raffetto reported that the Committee did not meet in February. They are between funding cycles.

B. RULES – No Report**C. LEGISLATIVE – No Report****D. TRANSPORTATION – David Zelinsky provided the report. A van with a wheelchair lift has been secured. All Veterans who requested transportation services have been accommodated. David will discuss transportation options in the Tahoe area with Dan Browne.****E. BUDGET – No Report****F. EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT – No 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)**

Meetings are on hold due to COVID-19.

B. AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

David Zelinsky provided his report. He had the opportunity to work with Todd Smith and the El Dorado County Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). They were able to get the veteran to Mather for the medical help she needed. Todd would like a letter sent to everyone involved thanking them for their help. John Poimiroo will write the letter.

C. FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT

John Poimiroo reported that no decisions had been made whether future events will be in person or virtual. It will depend upon the situation with COVID-19.

D. EL DORADO VETERANS RESOURCES – PERMANENT STAND DOWN

David Zelinsky provided a report. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. They provide food, clothing, sleeping bags and tents.

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XI. OLD BUSINESS**A. Subscription to EDC Veteran Affairs Commission Website for Meeting Information**

Patty Moley provided an overview of the features of the Veteran Affairs Commission website. If someone subscribes to the webpage, they will be notified any time there is a change such as a new posting of minutes and agendas. The public is encouraged to visit the website and the County's Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS**A. EDC Resolution No. 013-202 and Bylaws (Poimiroo)**

John Poimiroo provided an overview of the bylaws. The Veteran Affairs Commission has five voting members and five non-voting alternates. Their purpose is to advocate for and support veterans.

B. Reappoint Committee Assignments

The following committee assignments were made:

TOT: Kurt Raffetto, Roger Reynolds, Dan Browne, Phillip Houseworth

Budget: Roger Reynolds and Phillip Houseworth

Education: Chris Cockrell and Dan Browne

Legislative: Todd Smith and Kurt Raffetto

Transportation: Dan Browne and Tim Thompson

Social Media: Roger Reynolds and John Poimiroo

Rules: John Poimiroo, Phillip Houseworth, Chris Cockrell, Ken Welch, Roger Reynolds and Todd Smith.

C. Review and Approve Proposed 2021 Calendar

The proposed 2021 Calendar was reviewed. November 11, 2021 is the Veterans Day Holiday and the meeting will need to be moved. A suggestion was made by John Poimiroo to hold the meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Chris Cockrell made a motion to hold the November meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dan Browne. The motion was approved.

XII. PUBLIC FORUM – GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Public comment was received.
- Chris Cockrell would like to spotlight a local veteran at each meeting. The veteran would be invited to the meeting to introduce themselves.
- Todd Smith is available to meet with anyone who had questions about the Commission.
- Patty Moley announced, that if the Commission is interested, a 10 minutes presentation regarding efforts to homeless veterans is available
- David Zelinsky requested Dan Brown be invited to the Tahoe Coalition meetings. Dan has completed the required documentation. Patty Moley will follow up on his status.
- Phillip Houseworth requested the VSO send out the Mission Statement and Org Chart of the Veteran Services Office.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

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

ADJOURNMENT 1303 hours.

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