



**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  
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**Thursday, July 9, 2020 @ 1200 hours**

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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	<i>Smith, Todd</i>	<i>Poimiroo, John</i>	
II	<i>Thompson, Tim</i>	<i>Reynolds, Roger</i>	
III	<i>Raffetto, Kurt</i>		<i>Parsons, Jake</i>
IV	<i>Welch, Ken</i>	<i>Page, Tim</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; 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
<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$35,557</b>	<b>\$23,557</b>

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:**

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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](http://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.

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