



County of El Dorado Meeting Minutes Veteran Affairs Commission

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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

Patricia Morello, Recording Clerk of Veteran Affairs Commission

Thursday, March 12, 2020 @ 1200 hours

Veteran’s Memorial Building 130 Placerville Drive Placerville CA 95667

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CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG 1201 HRS.

Chair Smith announced that this meeting is video taped.

ROLL CALL

Table with 3 columns: District, Present, Absent. Rows include District I (Smith present, Poimiroo absent), District II (Reynolds present, Thompson absent), District III (Raffetto present, Parsons absent), District IV (Welch, Page present), District V (Houseworth present, Vacant absent).

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Welcome Ken Welch, District IV; Welcome back Lance Poinsett, VSO; David Zelinsky, American Legion Post 119; Tim Whalen VA Vet Center-EDVR-Stand Down Committee; Don Semon HHS Director; Richard Todd, HHS Program Manager; Mike Williams; Ken Pimlott, Pierre Walker, Richard Buchanan, Carla Fisher, Michael Fisher.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Smith)

1. Chair of the Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Commissioners approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of February 13, 2020. Roger Reynolds motion to approve; Phillip Houseworth seconded motion, approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Annual Report (Smith) Review, discussion and approval. Available at the end of March and continued next month meeting.
2. AB2688 (Poinsett/Smith) Chair of the Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Board of Supervisors SUPPORT the proposal to increase local assistance funding in state budget for County Veterans Service Officers (8955-101-0001) with letters of support for AB2688. Roger Reynolds motion to support AB2688 and recommend Board of Supervisors support, Ken Welch seconded motion, approved. Veteran Affairs Office will follow through on the support letters process with Clerk of the Board and report next month.

EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE.

- 2020 CACVSO Annual Report and Directory (Poinsett) Presentation and discussion. Essentially how many veterans we serve and how funds are allocated from awarded claims. VSO request to meet with each commissioner for review and discussion, and follow up memo to take to their respective Supervisor, Veteran Affairs Office to follow through and report next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
 - Future funding discussion and report of recent meeting with County Executive staff. Summary of meeting (Smith) discussion that El Dorado County must address critical infrastructure, safety and financial issues. The future of TOT funding stream formula and language modification are expected to address these complex issues. Current TOT allocation and grant requests are funded for this year, contracts are in process. Clarification that \$15k allocated funds to the Veteran Memorial Building – House Council is separate from TOT funds, this funding stream is allocated by the CAO. TOT program is a unique El Dorado County program and probably not duplicated elsewhere in the State.
 - Rich Buchanan discussion some allocated programs are sufficiently funded to maintain service levels, request further review of programs to see if they are re-couping funds that are used for veterans such as Snowline Hospice.
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) no report
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith)
 - Brown Act Training – email shared with commissioners on 02/28/20, the Clerk's office and County Counsel offering Brown Act training on 04/02/20 @ 6:00pm in the Board of Supervisors Board Room, for further information please directly contact Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 530-621-5393 or kim.dawson@edcgov.us. Contact Clerk of the Board office to confirm your compliance status.
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson)
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report

- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) No report

COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT**
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** No report received, discussion follows:
 - Tim Whalen reports that the Stand Down committee is busy laying down the foundation for service providers and venue, we are in talks with medical and dental providers. Attending upcoming regional veteran events, we are on a watch and see mode during this current Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Chair Smith requested Tim Whalen provide monthly regional events report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Smith requesting the commission change the South Lake Tahoe meeting date from October to a more suitable date to avoid inclement weather. Veteran Affairs Office to follow through and report.

PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Save the date for Outreach Veteran Events: Georgetown July 18th and Placerville September 19th.
- Ken Welch reports new members at VFW Post 9241 and Auxiliary.
- Rich Buchanan reports on scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors who are the children of El Dorado County veterans, further details contact Janet Buchanan at (530) 626-7762.
- Lori Parlin available to give Bill Scrivani certificate of appreciation; however not available at today's meeting, to be continued next month.
- David Zelinsky request Commissioners and/or Supervisor Novasel to recruit for the District 5 Commissioner vacancy.

NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

VFW Post 9241, 6297 6289 Main Street, Georgetown CA 95634, Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 1200 hours.

ADJOURNMENT 1244 HRS.