



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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I. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. ROLL CALL

District	Present	Absent
I	None	Todd Smith, John Poimiroo
II	Chris Cockrell	Roger Reynolds
III	Joshua Castro	Kurt Raffetto
IV	Ken Welch, Tim Thompson	
V	Phil Houseworth	Dan Browne

III. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Richard Todd, Veteran Services Program Manager, HHSA; David Zelinsky; Lori Parlin, El Dorado County District IV Supervisor; Ruth Michelson; Joseph Connolly.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes from June 10, 2021 meeting made by Tim Thompson. Seconded by Ken Welch. Motion passes 4-0.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

No action items

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

VII. GUEST SPEAKER (none)

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. TOT funding of Intern/General Trainee position for FY21-22 – topic postponed until August 12 meeting due to cancellation of TOT meeting in July.

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

Richard Todd presented the report. Commission had questions regarding staffing and Richard Todd outlined the recruitment and hiring process for the Veteran Services Office.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Houseworth)
July TOT meeting cancelled. Agenda will be moved to August.
- **RULES** (Poimiroo/Houseworth) - None
 - **SPECIAL COMMITTEE – HOUSING** (Welch/Castro)
Ken Welch participated in a Zoom meeting “Housing is the Key”. [Housing.ca.gov](https://www.housing.ca.gov) has links to the various programs to help the public with utilities, rent relief, eviction protection, and more.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Smith/Raffetto) - None
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Browne/Thompson)
Transportation being provided through EDVR
- **BUDGET** (Houseworth/Reynolds)
Report provided by Phil Houseworth.
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Cockrell/Browne)
Report provided by Chris Cockrell.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Reynolds/Poimiroo)
Report provided by Phil Houseworth.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS’ REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – VETERANS HOUSE COUNCIL** (Reynolds)
No report provided
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** (Zelinsky)
Report provided by David Zelinsky.
- **EDC VETERANS ALLIANCE** (Poimiroo)
 - **Capt. Paul Jacobs USN – Memorial Plaque**
Objection filed. Tentatively scheduled to be presented to Board of Supervisors on July 27.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES**
Currently staffed M-F between 10am-12pm.
- **REGIONAL VETERAN EVENTS**
No report provided.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vietnam Veterans Bridge Proposal (Raffetto/Castro) – Presentation by Joshua Castro on the proposed enhancements to the Vietnam Veterans Bridge on Highway 50 in Placerville. Vote postponed until future meeting while questions are being researched.

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

Phil Houseworth would like to be informed of the outcome of a meeting to be held in South Lake Tahoe between Commissioners and Veteran Services staff. Phil Houseworth suggested that the locations for meetings be updated on the website.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Michelson

XV. NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME

Thursday, August 12, 2021 @ 1200 Hours in Placerville at Veterans Memorial Building.

ADJOURNMENT