

LINDSAY-STRATMORE PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT
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October 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order on October 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lindsay-Strathmore Cemetery District office by Director Dennis Medders. In addition to Director Medders, in attendance were Director Dale Rains, Director Jeff Tienken and Cemetery Manager Brenda Altermatt.

Director Rains made the motion that the September 22, 2020 minutes be approved. Director Medders seconded the motion. With all in favor, the minutes were approved.

There were no Public Comments.

The directors reviewed and paid the current bills. Also examined were the ones that had required payment prior to the meeting. The total bills for September 2020 were: Salaries \$16,644.37; Water/Grove Care \$7,386.17; Medical Insurance \$1,385.08; Remaining expenses \$14,777.75. Cemetery income for September was \$34,488.48 (included is the Checking account, Tritten and Tulare County accounts interests). The Tritten account balance was \$65,382.39.

Accessible at the meeting for the Board members to review were the September county balance sheets for the Pre-Need, Endowment and General Accounts. The Tulare County second quarter Treasurer's Report was also available.

Mrs. Altermatt presented the October Cemetery Manager's Report (attached to the minutes).

Interments for September were: at Lindsay (8) full, (3) babies and (9) cremations and no burials at Frazier Valley.

Old Business:

Addition 15 – Manager Altermatt reported that there was a little more grass growth in this Addition, but still not as much as she would like to be seeing. The board members requested that she contact the office of CA Association of Public Cemeteries to inquire if they had any recommendations or suggestions concerning the best type of grass to be planted at cemeteries. When the seed is decided upon and planted, Director Tienken said that the next step would be to cover it with a good top soil mixture. One type suggested by Director Rains is called Garden Soil. It is sold at Lowe's in bags.

Mower Purchase Update – The Grasshopper mower, approved for purchase at the last meeting, was delivered to the cemetery on September 12, 2020. The \$17,047.48 was paid out of the Tritten account on October 6, 2020. Foreman Garza replaced the lightweight wheels that came with the mower with heavy duty ones. The original wheels do not hold up when the flat cement headstones are run over.

Cemetery Staffing – Mrs. Altermatt said that our district entered into a contract with U.S.A. Staffing to provide us with a grounds man for our vacant position. Mr. Albert Silva started on October 12, 2020. It costs us \$19.50 per hour for his job placement at our cemetery. He receives \$13.00 an hour from them, and U.S.A. Staffing takes care of all insurance, taxes, benefits, etc.

New Business:

Frazier Valley Cemetery Volunteer Assistance – Funeral Director, Eddie Smith, contacted Mrs. Altermatt and asked if there was a possibility that a group of individuals, including himself and his two sons, could do volunteer grounds work at Frazier Valley Cemetery. She said that she had contacted Mayra Hernandez, our insurance representative, at Walter Mortensen Insurance to see if volunteers are covered under our policy with them. Mr. Smith had said that a waiver to release our district of any liability could be signed by each of the workers. After Ms. Hernandez did some research, she notified Manager Altermatt that our policy does not cover such volunteers—even if a signed waiver is on file. The board members felt that we could not risk the possibility of a law suit if someone were injured. So regretfully, Mr. Smith will need to be informed that even though we appreciate the offer, we won't be able to allow volunteers to do work at Frazier Valley.

Workman's Comp Audit – The auditor for Midwest Workman's Compensation Insurance came to the cemetery office on October 1, 2020 and completed our annual audit. Mrs. Altermatt also reminded the board members that our cemetery audit by David Farnsworth, C.P.A. will be on October 26th, 27th and 28th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 18, 2020.

Respectively Submitted,

