

LINDSAY-STRATHMORE PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT
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FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order on February 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lindsay-Strathmore Cemetery District office by Director Dennis Medders. In addition to Director Dennis Medders, in attendance were Cemetery Manager Rebecca Morales, Director Jeff Tienken and Director Dale Rains.

Director Dale Rains made the motion that the January 16, 2022 minutes be approved. Director Jeff Tienken seconded the motion, with all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Director Dennis Medders, Director Jeff Tienken, and office manager Rebecca Morales stepped outside the office for Public Comments as there were about 50-60 people outside. See below for Public Comments.

The Directors and Rebecca came back into the office. The directors reviewed and paid the current bills, and also examined were the ones that had required payment prior to the meeting.

The total bills for January were: Salaries \$11,710.57; Water/Grove Care \$26,928.84; Medical Insurance \$2077.62. Remaining expenses \$13,512.71. Cemetery income for January was \$22,753.09 (included is the burial and pre-need income, endowment, the interest for the two Bank of Sierra accounts). The Tritten account balance was \$48,367.49.

The Tulare County eighth quarter Treasurer's Report was available for the Board members to review.

Total interments for January were (16). At Lindsay there were (12) full burials and (4) cremations.

There was no Cemetery Manager's Report this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public showed up as they had concerns regarding the Grave Site Policy. Gabriela Cisneros stated that everything was taken off her brother's grave, there were gun shots fired into the grave, and she felt that we needed to have gates to close at night. Adriana stated that her solar lights were missing and that she would like lights placed in the cemetery as it is too dark at night when she visits. She also was concerned about tire marks in the grass and places that had no grass. Maria Cardenas stated that she thought the grave site was her property and was concerned about the marks on the grave. Corina Morales wanted to know why only two solar lights are allowed. Alma Cisneros stated that the temporary marker she bought was removed. Mercy Herrera stated that her flowers are removed all the time. She also stated that the Hispanic culture is very colorful. She also wants to have a mowing schedule posted for the public to see, and signs posted in Spanish as well as English. Anita Bernabe stated that her solar angel lights were missing. Petro Ortega stated that there is a grave by her family's that has four fences around it. Maria Gomez stated that her plastic solar lights are

missing. There were lots of complaints, mostly the same ones over & over. People were upset because they cannot have metal or wood stuck in the ground.

The Directors and Rebecca Morales returned to the office after hearing everyone's concerns. They then called Dana Bain since she wanted to be here, but lives in Nevada. She wanted to know why the grounds men spray weed spray, which also kills the grass, one foot from the headstones. She stated that when it gets wet it gets muddy. She also stated that her niece, Paula Cordova, has had to replace her husband's picture on his headstone three times. Mrs. Bain stated that when her husband was interred there were no boards over the grave, fake grass around the grave, or a curtain around the lowering device so that you could not see into the grave. She stated that her 6-year-old granddaughter went over, looked in the grave and was traumatized that her grandpa was going to be placed there.

We then called Sherri Byars, Mrs. Bain's daughter, as she lives in Nevada also. She asked when her father's flat headstone has been placed, what would we be doing about water covering the headstone when we water or when it rains. She also stated that we need to better prevent vandalism.

At the next board meeting in March the Grave Site Policy will be reviewed to see if any changes can be made.

OLD BUSINESS:

BAIN HEADSTONE: Rebecca received an e-mail from our lawyer, David Yanez, and he wanted to know if the Bain family ever challenged the boards decision to reject their request to put an upright headstone on their family members grave. I let him know that we had not heard anything. He suggested that we have a closed session about this matter. A motion was made to have this closed session at the next board meeting by Director Medders and Director Tienken seconded it, all were in favor.

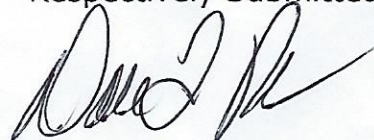
NEW BUSINESS:

GATES AT ENTRANCES TO CEMETERY: Office manager, Rebecca, asked about installing gates at all the drive in entrances to the cemetery. Board members Medders & Tienken asked her to get some estimates.

On a motion by Director Medders and second by Director Tienken, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the person submitting the document, written in a cursive style.