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JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order on January 18, 2023 at 4:35 p.m. in the Lindsay-Strathmore Cemetery District office by Director Eddie Smith. In addition to Director Smith in attendance were Directors Dales Rains and Terry Tredway, and Cemetery Manager Rebecca Morales.

Director Smith made the motion that the October 2022 minutes be approved (there were no board meetings in November & December due to lack of a quorum). Director Tredway seconded the motion. With all in favor, the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Otabio Garcia & Octavio Chavez were asked to come into the office to make their public comments. Accompanying them was Maria Garcia, whom Otabio asked to speak for him. Maria stated that Otabio was tested for Covid-19 which was positive around the time he was terminated as an employee of the cemetery (we have since received a faxed copy of that test that was done 12/24/2022, the day after he was terminated). She stated that he had told the cemetery manager on 12/21/22 that he had a headache. She also stated that Otabio stated that there were poor working conditions and an unfair atmosphere at the cemetery, and there were not the correct tools when needed. Otabio made a few comments himself, stating that David Ojeda and Jaime Garza always left work at 12:30. He stated that Eddie asked for two canopies for a service and that Jaime told him to flatten the tires so the second one could not be used. He stated that the office manager, Rebecca, made some comments about Director Dale Rains (which are totally untrue), and that she also made comments to Larry (Porterville Cemetery manager) that he (Otabio) was lazy and not a good worker (also untrue).

As there were a lot of accusations that Otabio had told Maria Garcia, Director Dale Rains asked if we could photocopy the list so the board members could go over each one. Maria Garcia stated that they were not all written down. Director Rains asked that she e-mail the list to the cemetery and we gave her our e-mail address. Otabio, Octavio & Maria then left the board meeting.

The current bills were reviewed and paid by the directors. Also examined were the ones that required payment prior to the meeting. The total bills for December were: Salaries \$16,038.56; Medical Insurance \$1385.08; Water/Grove Care \$3,301.43; remaining expenses \$17,758.21. Income for December was \$18,215.48. The Tritten Account balance was \$46,139.45.

Accessible at the meeting for the Board members to review were the (3) county balance sheets for the Pre-Need, Endowment and General Accounts. The Tulare County 5th quarter Treasurer's Reports were also available.

Rebecca Morales presented the January Cemetery Manager's Report (attached to the minutes).

Interments for December were: Lindsay (11) full burials, (2) baby burials and (4) cremation burials.

OLD BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM WSHB: The update from WSHB was given to the board members stating that the claim submitted by Dr. Duenas on 11/21/22 was declined and he must now bring his claim within six months of this rejection or risk the lapsing of the statute of limitations.

FRAZIER VALLEY WATER ISSUE: Inspection of the well at Frazier Valley Cemetery was inspected by Richard Fite and there seems to be plenty of water for irrigation. Director Dale Rains made the motion that three estimates be obtained to replace/revise the sprinkler system, it was seconded by Director Eddie Smith, with all in favor.

NEW VALVE BOXES & POLES: The new poles & valve boxes in front of the office in Addition 3 and Block 4 were approved by the board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

FRAZIER VALLEY CEMETERY – VAULTS: We are currently purchasing our cement vaults from Jensen Precast as they bought out Van Cleve. Jensen Precast is not able to deliver oversize vaults to Frazier Valley Cemetery. A motion was made by Director Dale Rains and seconded by Director Terry Tredway, to contact Christy Vault.

EYE WASH STATION: Rebecca stated that Cintas Corporation wants to lease or sell us a new eye wash station as ours is outdated. A motion was made by Director Terry Tredway and seconded by Director Eddie Smith to get estimates on a new eye wash station.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Respectively Submitted,

