

**LINDSAY-STRATHMORE PUBLIC
CEMETERY DISTRICT
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JULY 2024 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order on July 24, 2024 at 4:31 p.m. in the Lindsay-Strathmore Cemetery District office by Director Eddie Smith. In addition to Director Smith in attendance were Director Joshua Flowers, and Cemetery Manager Rebecca Morales. Director Terry Tredway was not present.

Director Joshua Flowers made the motion that the June 2024 minutes be approved. Director Eddie Smith seconded the motion, with all in favor, the minutes were approved.

The current bills were reviewed and paid by the directors. Also examined were the bills that required payment prior to the meeting. The total bills for June were: Salaries \$17,777.74; Medical Insurance \$2,077.65; Water/Grove Care \$12,993.38. Income for June was \$30,765.00. The Tritten Account balance was \$46,180.05.

Accessible at the meeting for the Board members to review were the (3) county balance sheets for the Pre-Need, Endowment and General Accounts.

Rebecca Morales presented the July Cemetery Manager's Report.

Interments for June were: Lindsay (2) full burials and (2) cremation burials.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEE WAGES: Employee wages were discussed among Director Smith and Director Flowers. They decided to increase the cemetery manager's wages (Rebecca) from \$29.00 an hour to \$33.00 an hour, cemetery secretary's wages (Yuri) from \$20.00 an hour to \$22.20 an hour, grounds foreman (Jaime) from \$27.50 an hour to \$30.52 an hour, and grounds keepers (Anthony, David & Gabriel) wages from \$18.00 an hour to \$20.00 an hour. Everyone's wages were increased 11%, except for Rebecca's wages which were increased 13.7%.

CASKET LOWERING DEVICE: Board members were shown some estimates on lowering devices because ours is outdated & nonrepairable per Shay Clay from Priority West (repairman who services our lowering device). Jaime and David went to look at one at Tulare Cemetery that is on its own trailer, and were impressed with it. Board members were given an estimate from Asco Pacific (\$17,095.21) for the lowering device on its own trailer, another two from Kelco (\$13,680.95 & \$12,253.60) – collapsible/without trailer, and American Cemetery

Supplies (\$7,850.30) collapsible/without trailer. Board members decided to wait on this and look around for more pricing.

MOWER DECKS: Board members were shown estimates for lawn mower decks (we need two). Estimates were from Baker Supplies, California Turf and Kern River Power. They were all around the same price range. Board Director Smith motioned that we have Jaime Garza (lead grounds man) pick which company we will purchase one from, and Director Flowers seconded the motion. With all in favor, it was decided that Jaime Garza pick which company we will purchase the deck from (we ended up purchasing one mower deck with a mulch kit from Baker Supplies for \$5,500.00).

NEW BLOWERS: Board members were shown estimates from Baker Supplies, Kern River Power and California Turf for blowers. Director Flowers motioned that we purchase two from Baker Supplies and Director Smith seconded that. With all in favor, two blowers will be purchased from Baker Supplies (a Stihl hand held blower and a Stihl backpack blower – total \$1304.98).

SHORING: Board members were given estimates from Austeng, and one from Stuart's Johanson & Thomas for a shoring device to be used when digging graves. Board members like the one from Austeng (\$10,504.00). Board members decided to wait and get more estimates before they make a decision.

OLD BUSINESS:

WORK TRUCK: Director Smith had a check from the cemetery to purchase a work truck from Merle Stone Chevrolet which Director Smith & Director Tredway approved per phone as board meetings had to be cancelled for February 2024 & March 2024. Director Smith was told that the truck had to be ordered back in February 2024. Director Smith went to Merle Stone Chevrolet in July 2024 and was told that the truck had never been ordered (no reason given). Director Smith brought the check back to the cemetery manager (Rebecca) and the check was voided.

Director Smith went to Ed Dena's in July 2024 (before July's board meeting) and found a Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD, four-wheel drive, crew cab with 23614 miles on it for \$53,453.17. Director Flowers, present at the July Board meeting, motioned to purchase the truck for Ed Dena's and Director Smith seconded the motion. With all in favor, the truck will be brought to the cemetery on 8/05/2024 so the grounds men can drive it and see if it meets our needs.

TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF SIX TREES: Board members were shown an estimate from Cut-A-Tree, Jack Benigno Tree Service and Pete's Tree Service. Director Smith motioned that we have Cut-A-Tree trim 53 Chinese Elm trees and remove six California Pines (\$34,000.00). Director Flowers seconded the

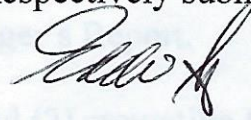
motion, with all in favor, Cut-A-Tree will be trimming our trees and removing the six California Pines (which drop pine cones and limbs break off, they are called Widow Makers).

TREES OUTSIDE ADDITION 15: Cemetery manager, Rebecca, informed the board members that our property extends outside of the fence line on Lindmore Street and Foothill Avenue, so we can plant some trees outside the fence. Mary Lou Gonzalez would like to plant a tree outside the fence by the husband's grave on the Foothill Avenue side of Addition 15. Director Flowers motioned that she may donate a tree and Director Smith seconded the motion, and with all in favor, Rebecca will call her and let her know.

CEMETERY ROAD REPAIR: Board Directors requested that Rebecca get estimates on road repair inside the cemetery, possibly using concrete instead of asphalt.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Respectively submitted,



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