



MINUTES

OF THE **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** OF THE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

OF THE **MADERA CEMETERY DISTRICT**

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

40188 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MADERA CEMETERY DISTRICT, HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 AT 2:30 P.M. AT THE OFFICE OF OAKHILL CEMETERY, LOCATED AT 40188 HIGHWAY 41, OAKHURST, CA 93644

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

CANDY TALLEY
LOIS BETTY
BELVA BARE
DAVID NEMETH
CELESTE VOYLES

PUBLIC/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

ARTHUR GARDNER - DISTRICT MANAGER
RONNIE RAMIREZ - OPERATIONS MANAGER
STEPHEN CLOETERS - H.R. GENERALIST
ROBERT ELLIS - FOREMAN
JOSHUA BERNSEN - LEES + ASSOCIATES
TY LOVELAND - LOVELAND MASONRY

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Candy Talley called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD:

Chairperson Candy Talley took roll of the Board. Trustees Candy Talley, Lois Betty, Belva Bare, David Nemeth, and Celeste Voyles were present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Trustee David Nemeth led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Chair Candy Talley asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, Trustee David Nemeth so moved, Trustee Lois Betty seconded, and all were in favor.

Trustee Belva Bare asked what is being done to address the issue of outstanding checks. District Manager Arthur Gardner was directed to consult with the auditor on how to handle them.

The Trustees decided to move the next meeting from July 23 to July 16 to accommodate Trustees' travel schedules. Trustee Lois Betty moved to approve the Consent Calendar with no changes, Mr. Nemeth seconded and all voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:

No closed session was held.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN:

No closed session was held.

DISCUSSION/REPORT IF NEEDED ON OPERATIONS OF MCD CEMETERIES:

Operations Manager Ronnie Ramirez reported that Arbor Vitae had recently done a disinterment and that it had gone well. There was a short discussion of the proceedings. Mr. Ramirez stated that all the cemeteries are doing well.

REPORT/DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING:

District Manager Arthur Gardner reported he'd reached out to County Supervisor Bobby Macaulay's office to request another meeting to discuss annexation of land on in the Hwy 41 corridor. He had scheduled the photographer for July 23 to shoot photos of the Board but will see if he can reschedule for the 16th.

REPORT/DISCUSSION/DECISIONS ON ARBOR VITAE SOLAR, PLOTBOX CEMETERY MAPPING, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND ARBOR VITAE MAUSOLEUM:

There was no new progress on the solar system at Arbor Vitae. PlotBox is moving along, due in large part to help being provided by Adrianna Villalobos from MCD's partnership with Madera Workforce Development. According to Larry Moore from Berry Construction, the new mausoleums and Arbor Vitae should be completed by the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 151 TO CHANGE MCD BYLAWS SECTION C.11 REGARDING PROTOCOL FOR BOARD DISCUSSIONS:

The Board had previously approved the wording changes to MCD's Bylaws and was presented with a formal resolution to codify the language. After a brief discussion, Trustee David Nemeth made a motion to approve the resolution, Trustee Celeste Voyles seconded, and all Trustees voted in favor: Candy Talley, aye; Lois Betty, aye; Belva Bare, aye; David Nemeth, aye; and Celeste Voyles, aye.

REPORT/DISCUSSION ON QR CODES AFFIXED TO MARKERS:

Families can now purchase QR codes to affix to markers that link to a website where they can post photos and memories of the decedent. The Board discussed the pros and cons and questions to permit the use of these. It was decided to have staff look into this further and that District Manager Arthur Gardner should contact CAPC for any insight or input.

REPORT/DISCUSSION/DECISION ON ANNEXATION OF LAND ALONG HWY 41 CORRIDOR:

This item was covered in an earlier discussion in the meeting.

REPORT/DISCUSSION ON CEMETERY SECURITY:

Things have been quiet.

REPORT/DISCUSSION/DECISIONS ON INVESTEMENTS FOR E.C. & PRE-NEED FUNDS WITH SANDRA WHEELER:

Nothing to report at this time.

REPORT/DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S BOARD MEETING:

None.

REPORT/DISCUSSION ON MASTER PLAN FOR ARBOR VITAE'S 10 ACRES AND DEVELOPMENT AT OAKHILL CEMETERY:

Landscape Architect Joshua Bernsen recapped his meeting with Arthur Gardner from earlier in the day at Arbor Vitae Cemetery. He discussed some of the features they'd considered. The group all then exited the building to walk the expansion area at Oakhill Cemetery. Ty Loveland of Loveland Masonry showed the group some rock options for the wall he will be replacing. Foreman Robert Ellis led a tour of the grounds and shared some of his ideas for a layout and land use. Mr. Bernsen took a lot of pictures and was impressed with the grounds' potential.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:19 p.m.