



## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2023**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MADERA CEMETERY DISTRICT, HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE ARBOR VITAE CEMETERY LOCATED AT 1301 ROBERTS AVE., MADERA, CA 93637

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

LOIS BETTY  
BELVA BARE  
DAVID NEMETH  
CELESTE VOYLES

**PUBLIC/EMPLOYEES PRESENT:**

ARTHUR GARDNER - DISTRICT MANAGER  
RONNIE RAMIREZ – OPERATIONS MANAGER  
STEPHEN CLOETERS – H.R. GENERALIST

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Lois Betty called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD:**

Vice Chair Lois Betty took roll of the Board. Trustees Lois Betty, Belva Bare, Celeste Voyles, and David Nemeth (via Zoom) were present. Board Chair Candy Talley was out of the country.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Operations Manager Ronnie Ramirez led the room in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

None

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:**

No closed session was held.

**REPORT/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF INCREASING TRUSTEE**

**COMPENSATION:**

Vice Chair Lois Betty said the following:

The purpose of public hearings is to inform the public about possible Board actions and to field public comments and questions.

On March 28, 2023, Madera Cemetery District held a Public Hearing regarding an increase in compensation for members of the Board of Trustees.

Proper notice was given of the Public Hearing, but no members of the public were in attendance. In the course of the Public Hearing, the Board voted to pass a resolution to increase Trustee compensation to \$252 per Board meeting.

Because the approval of a resolution should have been approved within a regular Board meeting and not with the Public Hearing, and because an approval of the resolution was listed on the agenda of the Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees of Madera Cemetery District is meeting today in a Special Meeting to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and to discuss and consider approval of Resolution #143 to increase Trustee compensation.

Trustee David Nemeth made a motion to increase Trustee compensation to \$252 per meeting, Trustee Celeste Voyles seconded, and all were in favor: Lois Betty, aye; Belva Bare, aye; David Nemeth, aye; Celeste Voyles, aye.

**REPORT/DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF PURCHASING ELECTRIC CART FOR  
OAKHILL CEMETERY UTILIZING PUBLIC BENEFITS GRANT PROGRAM  
THROUGH SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Operations Manager Ronnie Ramirez explained how SJVAPCD's grant program works. District Manager Arthur Gardner said that originally they were considering purchasing a cart for Calvary Cemetery, but that Superintendent Cruz Magdaleno saw no need for it there. Mr. Gardner had consulted with Foreman Robert Ellis about purchasing one for Oakhill and Mr. Ellis readily agreed that would be useful for them there and would benefit the public. Trustee Celeste Voyles asked whether Oakhill had the infrastructure to accommodate the cart, to which Mr. Ramirez answered in the affirmative. Net cost to the District would be around \$300.

Trustee Belva Bare motioned to approve the purchase of a Polaris GEM e4, Trustee Celeste Voyles seconded, and all were in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 3:10 p.m.