

WEST POINT CEMETERY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Cemetery Office

Directors Kirk Smith, Judy Garcia, Bob Stanford and Brian Smith were present. Director Julio Guerra was absent. Also present were Caretaker Ritchey Garrison, Clerk Jill Jenkins and Lloyd Wiegand representing the Baptist Church.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8/3/21 were reviewed. Kirk made the motion to adopt the minutes as written. Brian seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted with 4 votes.

Kirk reported it had been quiet for the past month with no damages to repair.

Correspondence for the month was presented. Jill stated Cathy Castillo, CPA would like to come to the October meeting to review the Financial Audit for the fiscal year ending 6/30/21.

Public Comments- Lloyd Wiegand said the Baptist Church has had a problem with drivers spreading and disturbing their gravel driveway. He said the church would like to put barriers in their lower driveway to prevent people driving through. The Directors agreed this would be no problem as long as people could walk through to the cemetery. Ritchey said he'd like to be able to squeeze the mower through the barrier instead of driving it all the way around. He also stated that the cemetery is slated to be used for emergency services in the event of a large fire. Lloyd thanked the Directors for permission to place barriers.

Discussion took place regarding raising the existing prices of plots. Bob stated his research has shown folks are financially challenged in this area. He said he's found that Altaville Cemetery charges \$450.00 per plot and they sell 5x5 cremation plots. Bob suggested separating existing plots into plot A & plot B as cremation plots sold for approximately \$250.00 each. Judy stated it would be difficult to control how many cremations would be buried in a single plot. Bob agreed that it could be difficult to keep track of. Ritchey suggested Section O be designated for cremation burials only. He said there are 70 plots in Section O. Kirk asked Bob to work with Ritchey on the best access to plots within Section O. Bob asked everyone to look at Section O for further discussion at the October meeting.

Use for the vacated office space was discussed. Bob said he'd like minimal change to the office space. Judy agreed and said she'd actually like to see the Sheriff's Dept. move back into the space. Kirk said the lack of payments toward the utilities was just a small issue since the space could be better used for the cemetery. Judy said Sheriff Downum came to every meeting regarding the building. No decision was made and the matter was tabled to the October meeting.

Ritchey reported the cemetery is very clean right now and the trees are healthy. He said Don Collum is working on a project in the old section.

The District's monthly payables totaling \$990.85 were reviewed. Judy made the motion to pay the bills. Bob seconded the motion. The bills were paid with 4 votes. Judy reported there were no new sales. She said there were 2 plots transferred from owner to owner.

New Business- Bob asked about a park bench. He said he had originally purchased it and he wants to pay for the recent restoration of the bench. Kirk suggested that he make a donation of \$100.00 to the district to cover the restoration. Bob asked about the surplus of chain link that was used at Sandy Gulch. Kirk said it's stored at his place. Ritchey suggested that it be stored in the vacated office space for now. Discussion took place regarding the gate at Sandy Gulch.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Jenkins, Clerk