

MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of August 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Trustee Maureen Elliott at 7:03 PM. Present were Trustees Jo Brooksher, Maureen Elliott, Jeff St. Louis. Also present caretaker Robert Yeadon and Supervisor Merita Callaway. Absent were Trustees Alan Armstrong and Louise Carniglia.

QUORUM: A quorum of three board members was present when the meeting was called to order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: St. Louis moved to accept the Minutes of July 16, 2014. Brooksher seconded. The motion passed 3/0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the Calaveras Co. Auditor concerning county provided life insurance for staff was read. Elliott moved that the Murphys Cemetery District will not be covering staff or board members for any life insurance. The motion was seconded by Brooksher and passed 3/0.

2. A letter from CSDA soliciting board members participation on various committees of CSDA. There was no interest from board members.

3. A letter concerning some new worker comp regulations concerning the predesignation of a personal physician was read. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion was held on an unsigned letter received from attorney Steven J. Airola on July 15th by email. St. Louis moved that Elliott be instructed to send a letter to Mr. Airola, responding to the Freedom of Information Act requests in the letter, letting him know that none of the requests could be filled since the information requested does not exist. Brooksher seconded the motion and it passed 3/0.

2. Armstrong emailed that R. Martin would need to spend 3-4 hours in the cemetery before he can redraw maps of the area not yet opened to burials. Discussion was held on who drew the original missing maps. It was decided to table this matter until the next board meeting so Armstrong could answer questions.

3. Caretaker Yeadon will let the board know what shrubs would work best as a screen along the tennis court line at a later board meeting.

4. Caretaker Yeadon stated he was still working on leveling the area of the baby plot.

5. No further word has been heard on when Boone Memorials will be able to straighten the broken markers.

6. Elliott reported that the SDRMA Annual Payment Reconciliation form has the hours of volunteers added.

7. Elliott reported that the Gate License form had the Wilson's signature notarized and was given to Armstrong for his notarized signature. Unknown if Armstrong took it for recording.

8. The Public Policies Handbook potential revisions were discussed. Brooksher moved that the first 4 pages and through the end of the first paragraph on page 5 be approved as presented. St. Louis seconded the motion and the motion passed 3/0. Further pages with revisions will be discussed each month until the project is finished.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. One invoice in the amount of \$20.85 to reimburse Robert Yeadon for blower fuel was approved for payment.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. End of fiscal year 2013-14 financial reports were presented. The cemetery district has a net balance of \$11,659.62 unspent from that fiscal year.

CARETAKER REPORT: Yeadon said a phone call had been received from a Brook Modrell who has a dispute over a plot curbing that they believe was damaged by Boone Memorials. This is not something the cemetery district can help with and the two parties need to come to an agreement themselves.

The ditch road has been cleaned up but it will be needed to purchase "waddles" to stop potential erosion. They are available at lumber stores.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: St. Louis said a person attending an event at Ironstone was overheard telling how the owner of the vacation rental on Allen Ct. that he was staying in had told them they can climb over/through the cemetery fence for a short cut into town. Yeadon said one of the areas of the fence has a chair/stool placed next to the fence and the fence wire is cut and just twisted together. He will install new barbed wire on the section. Board to see if they can find out who owns this vacation rental so the owner can be told that going through the fence is not allowed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 7PM at the Historic Murphys School

ADJOURNMENT: Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Brooksher seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM