

## MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 18, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Alan Armstrong at 7:00 PM. Present were Trustees Alan Armstrong, Jo Brooksher, Maureen Elliott, Jeff St. Louis. Also present caretaker Robert Yeadon and John Harding, Larry Bridges.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**MINUTES:** St.Louis moved to accept the Minutes of February 18, 2015 as presented. Elliott seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Review of correspondence concerning John Harding: The only correspondence concerning Mr. Harding was in the form of phone calls from Attorney Steve Airola to Bob Yeadon on March 3, and to Trustee Elliott on March 10 as well as calls from John Harding to Elliott on March 11.

Mr. Harding presented a letter from J. Wooten giving Harding permission to take care of and use the 3 plots where J. Wooten has burial rights. Harding stated that earlier boards had given him permission to “do what I did” and now, 11 years later, he is being asked to remove the items. He stated he attended 3 board meetings in earlier years and was never told to stop or to remove items. He also installed a water line to his the plot where his wife is buried. Discussion was held between Mr. Harding and Armstrong and Yeadon, who were both on the board in those earlier years. Armstrong pointed out that the board back then did not know that Harding was also placing items on the 3 Wooten lots and Harding asked him where the rules were from 11 years ago stating that items could not be put on plots. Further discussion was held, with both Armstrong and Yeadon maintaining that Harding only came to one board meeting, at the request of the board, and at that meeting he was told to stop placing more items. Elliott stated that there were only one set of minutes where it said Mr.Harding attended a board meeting and that many letters had been sent to him, all of which he had ignored.

Mr. Bridges then entered into a conversation with board members demanding to know why they had moved and replaced survey stakes in the area of Robin Harding’s plot. When told no markers had been moved he then entered into a heated and loud dialog where he demanded to know why the caretaker sat at the table with the board members amongst other things. After getting order, John Harding was asked if he felt that any markers for plots where he held burial rights had been moved and he responded that he did not. Harding stated that he would remove his items that are on cemetery plots/walkways etc. Elliott moved that Mr. Harding be given until April 30 to remove those items and that after that date, the caretaker was to remove them. Motion seconded by St. Louis and passed 4/0. At this point, Mr. Harding and Mr. Bridges left the meeting

2. Elliott reported that Jenkins Bookkeeping would check on whether their software would be able to figure the medical leave and would let us know. If they are not able to do this, the board will have to figure it themselves and provide records to the caretaker.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Invoices to reimburse Robert Yeadon \$192.98 for the purchase of tractor fork lift and a dump run; to pay Angels Pest \$2,300 for weed spraying and SDRMA \$341 for worker comp insurance were presented Elliott moved to approve the invoices; St Louis seconded the motion and the motion passed 4/0.

2. Elliott told the board that a member of the public had let her know that his check, written in 1990, for burial rights to a cremain plot was never cashed. Discussion and agreement that he should only be charged the rate in 1990 and not the Endowment fee, which was not in effect in 1990.

3. The new CA law on medical leave for all employees starting July 1, 2015 was discussed. Elliott will ask bookkeeper Jill Jenkins if she will be notifying employees of how many hours they have on the books.

4. SDRMA safety brochure was on Hazards Awareness. The brochure was discussed and given to the caretaker.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

1. Fiscal reports as of January 31, 2015 were presented. The mistake of \$450 made by the county, has been corrected.

**CARETAKER REPORT:** Yeadon told the board that the clamp on fork lift for the tractor arrive and is very sturdy. He has had no community service workers for several months. He has been opening up ditches that got filled in with the last heavy rain.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Armstrong said he gave the application to become a board member to someone and will email them to see if they turned it in to the county.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The date of the next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7PM at the Historic Murphys School

**ADJOURNMENT:** Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Brooksher seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM