

MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Alan Armstrong at 7:00 PM. Present were Trustees Alan Armstrong, Jo Brooksher, Maureen Elliott, Jeff St. Louis. Absent was Trustee Louise Carniglia. Also present caretaker Robert Yeadon.

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 December 17, 2014 as presented. Brooksher seconded. The motion passed 4/0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the Calaveras County Auditor concerning the IRS and the Affordable Care Act was read. Not action taken.
2. Email from Attorney Steve Quintella was read and discussed. He offered a free legal guide for cemetery districts. The board will take him up on the offer. A second email from him explained that new officers are to be chosen each January. St Louis moved that Armstrong be elected Chair, Brooksher be elected Vice Chair and Elliott be elected Secretary. Those trustees accepted the positions and the motion passed 4/0
3. Email from board member Louise Carniglia offering to resign from the board due to her inability to attend more than 3 meetings per year. The offer was discussed. Brooksher moved to accept the offer to resign. The motion was seconded by Elliott and passed 4/0. Carniglia will be notified by letter. Possible new trustees were discussed and each trustee was asked to make inquiries of people they know who are qualified. Elliott will notify the county of the vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Yeadon reported that, since the water is turned off for the winter, the cement work on the Baby Plot will have to wait until Spring.
2. The possibility that the county auditor might start charging to take deposits and pay bills was discussed. Elliott told the board that the CA Health & Safety Code Sect. 9028c has: *Except as provided in Section 9077, the county treasurer of the principal county shall act as the district treasurer. The county treasurer shall receive no compensation for the receipt and disbursement of money of the district.* Moved, seconded an approved 4/0 that Elliott should write to the Auditor about this.
3. A review of the meeting with Attorney Steve Airola and John Harding on Dec. 19, 2014 in the cemetery was held. A letter, dated Dec. 24, 2014, from Attorney Airola was read and discussed. A response, turning down the proposal in the letter, was formulated by the board and Elliott was instructed to type it and send the response to Airola.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Invoices to reimburse Robert Yeadon \$56 for the purchase of diesel fuel; to pay A-1 Land Management \$990 for removal of dead trees and to reimburse Maureen Elliott \$38.98 for purchase of current labor law posters were presented Elliott moved to approve the invoices; St Louis seconded the motion and the motion passed 4/0.
2. No safety brochure was received from SDRMA this month.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. Fiscal reports as of November 30, 2014 were presented.

CARETAKER REPORT: Yeadon requested that he be allowed to price 'clamp on fork lifts' for the tractor so he can lift and open up burn piles. He will bring a price to the board.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Elliott requested approval to have the caretaker call Angels Pest to arrange for weed spraying. Trustee Brooksher asked about holding area or regional meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next board meeting will be Wednesday, February 18, 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 8:40 PM