

MURPHYS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March, 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Alan Armstrong at 7:00 PM at the Historic Murphys School at 65 Jones Street, Murphys, CA. Present were Trustees Alan Armstrong, Maureen Elliott, Jeff St. Louis and Kelly Wright. Also present were caretaker Robert Yeadon, contractor Lance Machler and Joe Senn and Kelly Howard from St. Patricks Catholic Church, Murphys.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Wright moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Elliott.

Motion passed 4/0

MINUTES: Elliott moved to accept the Minutes of January 18, 2012 as presented. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0. (There was no meeting in February 2012)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shade cover: Lance Machler showed the board several samples of wood stained in different colors. The board approved using rustic brown in semi-transparent stain for the trellis. Mr. Machler submitted a partial bill for the work done so far.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Patrick's Catholic Church: Mr. Senn and Mr. Howard requested that, since the money from sales of plots in the Catholic Cemetery in Murphys was collected by the Murphys Cemetery District from 1967 thru 2009, that the Catholic Cemetery should be given some of that money back since the church members also pay tax money that is given to the Murphys Cemetery District. After discussion from both sides, the decision was made that the Church representatives should take this matter up with the county officials.

2. J. Harding: Mr. Harding did not attend the board meeting as he stated he would. Elliott moved that a letter be sent to Mr. Harding giving him until April 30, 2012 to remove the items on all plots that do not belong to him and from the cemetery district's plots and walkways. St. Louis seconded this motion. Al Armstrong to send this letter. Also, the owner of 3 of the plots used by Mr. Harding for his décor, Mr and Mrs. Wooten, should be contacted to see if they still intend to be buried in the plots.

3. Removal of section of cemetery fence: Bob Yeadon states that since his last replacement of this section of fence with new barbed wire, it has stayed intact. Decision made to wait and see if any further problem with this section of fence comes up.

4. American Flag: It was suggested that the EPVMD be asked to donate a flagpole and flag to honor the many veterans buried in Buena Vista Cemetery. Elliott to attend the EPVMD board meeting to make the request.

5. Trustee Expirations: A letter sent by the county lists no trustees with current terms, Elliott will contact the county and try to set this straight.

CORRESPONDENCE: Elliott presented the 2012 CA Cemetery Assoc. calendar that features Buena Vista Cemetery for the month of January.

A letter from the IRS on a check received that the IRS does not know what the money was for was presented. Elliott stated that, with the help of Jenkins Bookkeeping, the issue is solved.

LAFCO sent their annual request for candidates. Wright filled his name in as a candidate and Armstrong signed this request.

A letter on the annual audit requirement was presented. Elliott to check with the county auditor on our options.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Elliott presented a year to date financial report and a bill from Hartford Insurance for worker comp insurance.

CARETAKER REPORT: Yeadon reported he has purchased 2 battery chargers. Will need some pipe for drainage near Preston plots. Also needs about 25 T-posts for traffic control etc. CALFIRE will be working in the cemetery on April 9.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Elliott stated she would start purchasing some plants for the area near the tennis courts.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The date of the next board meeting will be April 18, 2012 at 7PM at the Historic Murphys School

ADJOURNMENT: Elliott moved that the meeting be adjourned. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.