The Board of Trustees meeting of the Porterville Public Cemetery District held Friday September 30, 2022 at 7:04 a.m. at the District Office.

**PRESENT:** Trustee Phil Larson, Trustee Dolores Garcia, Trustee Steve Chamberlain. Also present Larry McKelvy and Tina Bonilla and Kathy Gwinn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**KATHY GWINN:** **Porterville Ghost Society:** (Kathy was moved to the beginning of the meeting). Kathy introduced herself and gave some background of this society and member of this society. Kathy asked the Board about having tours at the cemetery in regards to people of the Porterville Community that have passed and had helped establish Porterville. She wishes to provide history of these people and give Porterville residents things to do. Kathy mentioned doing daytime tours and maybe nighttime tours. Kathy mentioned that she would provide liability insurance through an alternative business. Kathy also mentioned that they will be charging for these tours and that they would give back to the district to help with anything that might be needed. At this time Kathy was finished and left the meeting. During a discussion the Board liked the historical aspect of this but didn’t care about the ghost part of the name. Trustee Steve Chamberlain made a motion to have this placed on the October Agenda, this was seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia. Motion carried. This was discussed further and the Board is not interested in receiving any donations from this also mentioned was that the Cemetery is a sacred place and needs to be respected. It was decided that this is a Public Cemetery and that if this was done during the day this would be okay.

**BOARD ORDERS:** Following a review of the Board Orders the Board moved to have them approved. This motion approved the Board Orders for August 2022 payroll in the amount of $50,610.29 and August 2022 bills in the amount of $36,145.55. This was approved on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia. Motion carried. The Board asked about our temp agency help. Larry informed them that today 9/30/2022 was his last day.

**MINUTES:** After a review of the minutes for August 2022 the Board moved to have them approved. This was approved on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Trustee Phil Larson asked about the comments on Google, reviews for the Cemetery. One- A picture showing a hole under a headstone showing a water line and that she was upset that water may get into her families casket. Larry explained that the ground had settled creating a sinker and that there was no water leak. Richard Bocanegra and Lupe Rodriguez were there and talked to this individual about this and filled this in with dirt right away. Two-This individual stated that the manager was rude to her mother about having a brick border around her families headstone. Larry explained that in our Rules and Regulations it states that there are no borders allowed around headstones and that sometimes people put rocks bricks and other objects around their headstones and that when the groudsmen see these they remove these objects when time allows. Larry informed the Board that he was not rude to her but told her that these object are not allowed around headstones. She also said that she has seen rocks and other objects around other headstone and have not been removed. Larry informed her that our groundmen would get these removed when they could. These objects have been removed.

**MISC. DISCUSSION:** **①** **PCA-Public Cemetery Alliance-Tina Bonilla:** This was tabled to the October Board Meeting. **② Flag Pole-Springville Cemetery:** Larry informed the Board that that this has been completed and that the VFW are going to mount a light on the pole and place rocks around the base of this flag pole. **③ Health Insurance:** Tina Bonilla informed the Board of the Open Enrollment dates and that she would have more information at the October meeting. **④ Porterville Ghost Society-Kathy Gwinn:** This was moved to the beginning of this meeting.**⑤ New Printer-Office:** Larry informed the Board that our main printer quit working and that we had purchased a new printer. **⑥** **Dolores Runty-Zalud House:** Larry informed the Board that he had talked to Dolores Runty on the phone and she is wanting to come out to the Zalud headstone and record herself with her phone talking about the Zaluds and upload it to her YouTube channel. After a discussion the Board said it is a public cemetery and as long as she does this during the day it would be fine.

**PERSONNEL:** **Employee’s Uniforms:** Larry informed the Board that he had notified County to stop charging employee’s the $16.00 a month for uniforms because he had contacted Pacific Employers about employee’s paying for their uniforms when the District requires employee’s to wear a uniform. Pacific Employers informed Larry that the District is required to pay for employee’s uniforms, not the employee.

**EQUIPMENT:** Larry informed the Board that the 99 F150 is back and running good.

**CEMETERY GROUNDS OPERATION:** **①** Larry McKelvy informed the Board of the burials for August 2022.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** None

**ADJOURNED:** The Board Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia @ 8:15 on September 30, 2022.

**SIGNED BOARD MINUTES: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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