The Board of Trustees meeting of the Porterville Public Cemetery District held Friday November 22, 2024 at 7:03 a.m. at the District Office.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**BOARD ORDERS:** Following a review of the Board Orders the Board moved to have them approved. This motion approved the Board Orders for October 2024 payroll in the amount of $56,230.79 and October 2024 bills in the amount of $21,928.34. This was approved on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia. Motion carried.

Trustee Dolores Garcia asked about electric gator batteries. Larry informed her that we had purchased 8 batteries for this buggy.

**MINUTES:** **October Minutes**: After a review of the minutes for October 2024 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:** Larry informed the Board that Jose Gallardo came in and complained about the flower policy, said he is going to the news and complaining that we are not letting him decorate according to his culture. Sister Betty came in and complimented us on how nice the cemetery is looking, also a neighbor of the Vandalia Cemetery complimented on how nice the Vandalia Cemetery is looking.

Trustee Phil Larson asked about the employee’s response to the change of the flower policy. Larry informed him that they are okay with this.

**MISC. DISCUSSION:** **①** **State Water Resource Control Board:** Larry informed the Board that he had received a notice in the mail requiring us to start reporting our water usage monthly starting January 1, 2025. Larry informed them that he is working on getting more information from them to see what all needs to be done. Larry is to contact Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency and see if they have any contact information regarding this. It was suggested by the Board that Larry contact C.A.P.C. to see if there are any other District involved in this. **② Wreaths Across America:** Larry informed the Board that he had been contacted about this and they are going to look into bringing a wreath out in December to hang on our door and possibly at our memorial section for this. This is for all the Veterans that have passed.

**PERSONNEL:** None

**EQUIPMENT:** **John Deere Mower Deck:** Larry informed the Board that we had received the final invoice for the last mower deck, also that we had gotten a discount on this deck.

**CEMETERY GROUNDS OPERATION:** Larry McKelvy informed the Board of the Burials for October 2024.

The Board asked about the Niches and suggests looking into purchasing some in the near future.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** None

**OTHER:** **1).** Larry informed the Board that he had gotten a call from a neighbor by the Vandalia field saying that while he was cleaning his mother’s property he had found a vault lid. Larry went and looked at this and it is an old lid. He asked if we could remove this for him. Larry informed him that once he got everything moved so that we could get to it we would remove this for him. **2).** Larry informed the Board that he had gotten a phone call from a Exeter Cemetery Board Member asking about lowering device’s. Larry mention to the Board that we have a couple of old devices that we no longer use and that they need work done to them and asked about donating these to Exeter Cemetery. After a discussion the Board asked Larry to get a letter from them saying that we had donated these to their District and to get these taken off our inventory list with our Auditors. **3).** Trustee Dolores Garcia asked what the blue tarps are for on the cemetery grounds. Larry informed her that these are to cover dug graves that we will be having the next day. Also mentioned was a dead pine tree in K Block. **4).** The March CAPC Conference will be coming up and Larry is going to attend and any Board Members that are available to attend. **5).** The December Board Meeting will be Tuesday December 31, 2024 because Larry will be gone from the 21st to the 27th.

**ADJOURNED:** The Board Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia @ 7:49 on November 22, 2024.

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

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