The Board of Trustees meeting of the Porterville Public Cemetery District held Tuesday December 31, 2024 at 7:05 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 November 2024 payroll in the amount of $58,470.26 and November 2024 bills in the amount of $26,197.91. This was approved on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** **November Minutes**: After a review of the minutes for November 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 a young man came in and said the cemetery looks better since the new flower policy took effect, Also that Jose came in asking for all signs that were posted since the flower policy was changed and that he had a paper that was for the Better Business Bureau which he said nothing about. Jose also decorated the length of his plot which is not allowed at any time and these items were removed.

Larry also informed the Board that he had received a phone call from a woman complaining about flowers being removed, she said that if someone would of told her 20 years ago she would have had vase’s put in her headstone; and that if she had to remove her flowers we should keep the grass green and no weeds, she asked for the Board Members phone numbers, she was informed that we can’t give out that information but she could come to the Board meeting. She said she can’t make the meetings because she works nights. She complained about ants at her grave and Larry asked her for the name of the person buried so he could look it up so we could put ant powder there and she said she is not giving me that information because our employees vandalize her headstone. She was informed that our employees do not vandalize headstones, she started cussing at me and telling me she hopes I have the worst day of my life then start saying things about my family and at this time I hung up.

**MISC. DISCUSSION:** **1)** **Eastern Tule GSA:** Larry informed the Board that he went to this Board Meeting on December 5, 2024 and presented them with a letter requesting that the District be exempted from payment and reporting to the ETGSA since we have to start reporting and paying to the State Water Resource Board starting January 1, 2025. We are waiting on the Boards response. Larry also mentioned that he had received a letter from LAFCO stating that there is a proposed Annexation and Sphere of Influence Amendment to the Ducor Water District for the Porterville Cemetery District and others. **2) State Water Resource Board:** Larry informed the Board that he had registered our wells for Vandalia and Saint Anne’s Cemeteries with the State Water Resource Board and will start monitoring these and report to the State Water Board February 2025, also that he had e-mailed a letter to the Water Board requesting to be exempted from this. We are waiting to hear from the State Water Board on this. **3) Exeter Cemetery-Lowering Device:** Larry informed the Board that the Exeter Cemetery had come and picked up the two unusable Lowering device’s we had and we got a letter of donation from them , also that Larry had contacted Marilou Monsivias our Auditor and she said we would remove these next Fiscal Year from our inventory list.

**PERSONNEL:** None

**EQUIPMENT:** **Flow Meter Saint Anne’s Cemetery:** Larry informed the Board that had installed a new flow meter at this cemetery, our old meter had stopped working.

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

Trustee Phil Larson mentioned that it seems like around this time of year there are more deaths.

**SUGGESTION BOX:** An employee suggested getting roll around canopies for Vandalia and Saint Anne’s Cemeteries. Larry is to look into the cost of these and bring to the February Board Meeting.

**OTHER:** **1).** Larry mentioned getting new sign done with our new flower policy holidays and pick up days on these and post at our cemeteries. **2).** Larry informed the Board that he is waiting on one more quote for the Niches. **3)** Phil Larson asked about the new ownership of Porterville Monument.

**ADJOURNED:** The Board Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Trustee Steve Chamberlain and seconded by Trustee Dolores Garcia @ 7:59 on December 31, 2024.

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

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