

## Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery District Board of Trustees, February 11, 2025

Chairman Rushford called the meeting in order at 4:07pm.

**Present:** Elota Dorjahn, Ron Rushford, Wendy Wigmore, Milton Steck **Absent:** Aaron Love

**Staff Present:** Heather Strachan

**Minutes:** Wigmore moved to approve minutes for December, Rushford seconded.

**Claims:** Wigmore moved to approve the claims for December, Dorjahn seconded. Wigmore moved to approve the claims for January, Dorjahn seconded.

**Correspondence:** 1. CA Association of Public Cemeteries newsletter: Strachan gave the newsletter and mentioned that there is a nice advertisement in it for a niche bank that she will be looking into for the west side of the grounds. It also talks about the upcoming conference.

**Old Business:** none to report on at this time

**New Business:** 1. Conflict of interest form 700: Strachan passed out the required forms stating she will turn them in once they're filled out. 2. CAPC Conference: This conference is specific to cemeteries in California and is coming up in March. It is being held at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. The District will cover expenses for travel and hotel for any board member or employee that would like to attend. 3. Multiple burial request-McDonald: Strachan states that the McDonald family has two plots, one the parents are buried in and one that was purchased for their special needs son, Greg. Greg is still living but two of his brothers have since passed, David and Douglas. The family has requested that the three brothers cremated remains be allowed to be buried in the same plot. Discussion. Steck motioned to approve the request to allow a third burial of cremated remains in the McDonald family plot located in block 30 lot 135, Dorjahn seconded. 4. Rules and Regulations update – Multiple burials: Strachan states since we seem to be getting the request for multiple burials more often, she would like to discuss changing the rule of two burials per plot and consider implementing a multiple burial fee. Discussion. Strachan states that she would like the board to think about it and give her time to call around to the other cemetery districts and find out their policies before making a final decision. Tabled until April board meeting.

**Public Comments:** None

**Trustee Comments:** Wigmore asks if we can change the date of April's board meeting. After a brief discussion it is agreed that the meeting will be moved to Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

**Staff Comments:** Strachan shared that the District had 192 burials in 2024, 94 of those were cremations. We had 9 burials in December 3 were cremations and 16 burials in January with 10 being cremations.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business to discuss, Rushford adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Heather Strachan, District Manager – Secretary to the Board