

EAST KERN CEMETERY DISTRICT MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yaw at 4:53pm.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Victor Yaw & Vice-Chairman Glenda Willie were present. Trustees: Buford Land (tele-conference), Harold Smith & Owen Carder were present. Manager Paul Holzer was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Yaw.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: There were none at this time.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA and MINUTES: Trustee Carder made a motion to approve the Agenda & Minutes as presented. Vice-Chairman Willie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Yaw, Willie, Land, Smith & Carder. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BUDGET AND VOUCHERS: Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the monthly budget and vouchers #G092222, G100422, G102422 & G111522. Trustee Carder seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Yaw, Willie, Land, Smith & Carder. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The Manager informed the Board that:

- The District performed 7 interments since the last meeting (1c – CCMP / 4c & 2t – MC) and 1 dis-inter/re-inter MC.
- The driveway project at the CCMP has begun today. Porter Concrete & Construction expects the project to take 4-5 weeks.
- Blomberg & Associates will be initiating the audit, in person, at the end of the month.

SAFETY REPORT: The Manager assured the Board that there have been no incidents of safety to report and that every effort is made to ensure a safe work environment.

PENDING ITEMS: There are no Pending Items at this time.

CONTINUED BUSINESS: There is none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: **A. DISCUSS MILITARY FLAGPOLES IN PLACE OF MONUMENTS (AT FLAGPOLE):**

The Manager has noticed that the Tehachapi West Cemetery has installed new flagpoles that surround the U.S. Flag, liked the presentation it makes and would like the Board to consider doing that at the Mojave Cemetery (currently, stone monuments surround the flagpole). The Manager proposed to move the stone monuments to the base of the Soldiers Monument, in a circular pattern. There was interest in doing this, however there were concerns about ample space at the base of the Soldiers Monument. The Board directed the Manager to measure the area around the Soldiers Monument and the flagpole. No motion was needed. **B. DISCUSS DECORATIONS**

IN NEW DRIVEWAY PLANTERS (MAIN DRIVE – MC): (exploratory) The Manager encouraged the Board to consider what type of sculpture, statue or model, that the District could install in the planters at the south end of the main driveway at the Mojave Cemetery. The Manager reminded the Board that we have an ore cart and steam locomotive located in the planters at the west driveway. The Manager suggested placing monuments that reflect homage to the Mojave Indians, U.S Marine base (Mojave Airport), Twenty Mule Team – Harmony Borax Works, etc. No motion was needed. **C. DISCUSS CONTINUED TELE-CONFERENCE OPTION:** The Manager explained to the Board that AB361 will be expiring at the end of January 2023, unless extended by the Governor. The Board's Agenda has had the option built-in for automatic approval for each meeting (not by month-to-month resolution). The Manager suggested that the Board (and workplace) work more efficiently when all Trustees and Public are in physical attendance. AB361 provided a tool to entities to accommodate tele-

conference to trustees and public, as a safety measure, and is not a mandate. Chairman Yaw asked Trustees if they had any input. Trustee Smith expressed his desire to get back to operating as normal (in person). Vice-Chairman Willie expressed the same sentiment but was thankful for it as a valuable option, at times. The Board concurred that it was useful but may not be necessary any longer. The Manager explained that if the Board takes no action, AB361 will expire January 31, 2023 and Trustees and public may still attend via tele-conference. If the Board takes action to limit tele-conference accommodations now, it will have to approve/deny tele-conference options by resolution, 30 days prior to the next meeting (now for December). Chairman Yaw solicited the Board for a motion. Trustee Carder made a motion to continue with the built-in provision for tele-conference. Vice-Chairman Willie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Yaw, Willie, Land & Carder. No – Smith. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Yaw – the SDRMA has given the EKCD its Presidential Award for no W/C claims for 5 consecutive years (the Manager reminded the Board there hasn't been any claims for 20+ years).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: There were none at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Trustee Carder made a motion to adjourn at 5:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Paul Holzer,
District Manager / Board Secretary

