

## **The North Kern Cemetery District Minutes of Regular Meeting held November 9, 2017**

The North Kern Cemetery Board met at 4:15 PM at the regular meeting place, North Kern Cemetery District office at 627 Austin Street, Delano, California. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jose J. Hernandez Present were Rueben Pascual, Pearl Rivera, Ruben Hill, Hubert Rabanal, and Alfred Roman, Manager

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**Audience:** Vivian Basurto, Raquel Vargas, Lupe, Lupe Wolfe and other various citizens that did not state their names. Vivian Basurto stated that a public community spokespersons were present which included: Vivian Basurto, Lupe Wolfe, Raquel Vargas, Lydia Magana and Octavio Magana, Maria Martinez, Jettie Oliver and Rudy, whose last name could not be heard. There were other citizens in the lobby as well as outside.

**Public Comment:** Vivian Basurto commented that she was present with a community group of individuals who are: Vivian Basurto, Raquel Vargas, Lupe Wolfe, Lydia Magana and Octavio Magana. Raquel Vargas commented to the Board that they take the communities suggestions and also wanted to know the status as to when the final decision will be made regarding solar lights. It was also suggested that fines be given to those that do not adhere to cemetery rules. Lupe Wolfe questioned when a decision regarding solar lights is going to be made. Lupe Wolfe also stated that they have decided to file a lawsuit against NKCD and the Board. Rudy stated that they were not going to follow any cemetery rules and that the board needs to decide when they are going to make the final decision so that the public can be aware of that date. Jettie Oliver stated that she recently relocated back to Delano and has seen dogs carting off with flowers from gravesites. Oralía Monteymayor stated that she would like to know when a final decision regarding solar lights will be made so that the public can attend. The owner of Jenny's stated that she would like to know a time and date as to when a decision will be made regarding solar lights; and she has offered the patio of her establishment as a possible meeting place. Maria Martinez stated it's our catholic faith and look at your hearts. Ruby Hill stated that he is in favor of solar lights with adjustments and that everyone needs to sit down and be heard and come up with a date when decision regarding solar lights will be made. A community meeting date was announced for November 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at District office. Hubert Rabanal stated that the public's comments were very informative and it shows how concerned the public is. Mrs. Pyle stated that she hopes that everyone can get along and come to an agreement concerning solar lights. Vivian Basurto asked of holiday cards will be allowed at gravesites. Citizens asked if the grass is mowed around the Christmas holiday. Jorge Jaime, cemetery Forman stated that the grass is not usually mowed during this time period because of the holiday and flowers are left on gravesite after Christmas. Mr. Nick McCoy stated that the cemetery is doing a good job with what he observes. The Board thanked everyone for their comments.

**Approve Transfer of Revenue October 2017 to County Treasure.**

Hubert made a motion to table this item as there is a receipt (30918) unaccounted for.

**Approve October 2017 Bill List.**

Motion made by Ruby Hill and seconded by Rueben Pascual. Motion carried. No nays.

**Review and Approve Financial Report October 2017.**

Motion made by Hubert and seconded by Pearl with understanding that future reports include a running total amount at top of report. District manager will reach out to CPA for this addition. Motion carried, no nays.

**Review and Approve October 12, 2017 Board Minutes.**

Motion made by Ruby Hill to approve and seconded by Rueben Pascual. Motion carried, no nays.

**Review Public Comments – October 26, 2017.**

Comments reviewed by Board. Jose Hernandez stated that comments are very good. Hubert Rabanal suggested that these comments be placed on next month's agenda.

**Manager's/Trustees Reports for October 2017.**

Manager reported October Burials: Casketed: 16, Cremation: 7, Total; 23. YTD: Casketed: 225, Cremations: 52, for a total of: 277. Manager reported that gate on west cemetery will be repaired next week. Gate was damaged by unknown vehicle. Our insurance deductible was met with our insurance carrier. Manager also reported that old tree stumps will be removed this coming week from both cemeteries thereby avoiding someone being hurt from tripping over them. Jose Hernandez stated that there is some graffiti on west cemetery which needs attention. Manager to make contact with City of Delano Graffiti Removal for action. If city is unable to do this, District will have it removed. Jose Hernandez also commented on a dead pine tree along Albany Street next to cemetery fence. District manager will make contact with City of Delano in order to ascertain on whose property trees falls on for possible removal. Jose Hernandez also mentioned damaged chain link fence north of west side restrooms. Fence suffered vandalism damage. District manager has reached out to local vendor for repair.

- A. **Upright Monument Section:** No action
- B. **CemSites Update:** No action
- C. **Solar Lights:** Refer to Public Comment Section
- D. **Promfet Cemetery:** Legal counsel has reached agreement with pecan land owner. Agreement to be on December's agenda.
- E. **Cemetery Street Signage:** Awaiting bid for pricing (west side)
- F. **Master Plan:** No action
- G. **Correspondence from City of Delano:** Correspondence being reviewed by legal counsel.