

Tulare Public Cemetery District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The Tulare Public Cemetery board meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., at 900 E. Kern Avenue, Tulare, California by Chairperson Stephen Presant. Trustees present were Vice Chairperson Xavier Avila, and Secretary James Pennington.

Trustee Vicki Gilson and Trustee Alberto Aguilar were present via teleconference.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Alex Gutierrez

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Chairperson Presant informed the board of COVID-19 and the procedures that other cemeteries are doing.

Trustee Aguilar spoke of a document he gave Manager Castaneda to pass to the board members, which was not passed around.

Vice Chairperson Avila spoke about a request on broken headstones and procedures on headstone complaints.

Trustee Gilson reminded the board that in the past the cemetery did in fact set headstones up until 2017.

Secretary Pennington asked questions on headstone complaints and the process and procedures.

DISCUSSION OF COVID-19 BURIAL PROCEDURES:

Motion by Trustee Aguilar to have Manager Castaneda bring back to the board a written detail procedure regarding interments at the cemetery due to COVID-19, second by Secretary Pennington (5-0)

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT:

Manager Castaneda, informed the board that John Avila, from Mosquito Abatement called the office to inform us that he sent his crew over to the cemetery to spray a new chemical. This chemical is meant to reduce the mosquitos at both cemeteries. He has asked for everyone to bring back their vases to see if the chemical will work.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:


Manager Castaneda reported on Memorial Day and informed the board that due to the coronavirus AMVETS will more than likely cancel the service. It is not confirmed at this time but other cemeteries in the area have canceled their Memorial Day service. She would like to set up the flags around the cemetery but would need volunteers.

She also informed the board that a family called the office asking when we were going to set their headstone? According to the family Jerry Ramos told them that he could not set their headstone until their father passed away, their mother passed away 16 years ago and their headstone has been sitting there all this time along with 6 others. The family's headstone is too large for the grave that they own.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having nothing further to discuss Chairperson Presant adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Board Secretary