

Kern County Cemetery District Minutes for

November 23, 2021

Regular Board Meeting
Shafter Memorial Park Office
18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter, CA

Call to Order: Call to Order at 12:00 pm by Chairman Braun, Chairman Braun led flag salute and invocation.

Roll Call: In attendance was Barry Braun, Chairman of the Board; Belton Banks, Vice-Chair; Jerry Ezell, Secretary of the Board.

Employees: Eliza Caudillo, District Manager; Denton Carender, Superintendent; Alicia Reveles, District Secretary.

Visitors: Richard C. Woody

Public Comment: Richard C. Woody provided a presentation regarding Headstones and Funeral Home expectations. A copy of the presentation is available at the District Office.

Consent Calendar: Includes the approval of the agenda for the current meeting and minutes of the regular board meeting for October 2021. The payroll warrants for 21-21 through 21-22 were approved. Vouchers, checks, and financial reports for October 2021 were approved. This was done by approval of the consent calendar by motion of Trustee Banks and seconded by Trustee Ezell; 3 ayes, unanimous.

Management Update

- We had 21 services in Shafter and 20 services in Wasco for the month of October 2021. This gives us 139 for the fiscal year to date.
- California Turf Journeyman Demonstration has been scheduled for November 30th, at 9:00am. The Board was invited to attend the demonstration.
- Shafter Cemetery has been experiencing issues with the well and pump. S. A. Camp Pump and Drilling Co. pulled and installed a 50HP Hitachi Motor. Don Pedersen of S. A. Camp recommends drilling a new pump in the near future.

Headstone Policy

The headstone policy was presented to the Board with the potential revisions. Added to the policy revision was mention of implementing a “Waiver of Damages” form to be used for the placement of headstones. The Board will review the proposed changes and take into consideration comments provided by Mr. Rick Woody. No action taken at this time; the headstone policy will be brought back at a later date for final review.

Burial of Eligible Nonresident

Manager Caudillo presented a letter from the family of Robert L. and Beatrice Smith requesting the District allow them to be buried in the Shafter Cemetery. The California H&S §9061(c) allows for this situation as long as certain requirements are met. Three requirements must be met to accept this request. First, they must have been residents of the Shafter area; two, a letter of request by a resident must be on hand and third, the Board must determine that we have space available for this interment.

The Board was presented with the first two requirements, and they discussed the third requirement. They determined that we have adequate space to allow the family request. Further discussion was made to allow the for additional burials as long as the first two requirements are made.

The motion was made by Trustee Banks and seconded by Trustee Ezell to allow the burial of Mr. and Ms. Robert L. Smith in the Kern County Cemetery District. The criteria were determined to be satisfied as required by the California Health and Safety Code section 9061 (c). Furthermore, it is agreed that future burials may be made as long as the first two requirements are met. 3 ayes, unanimous.

Trustees Comments

Trustee Banks: Thanked the cemetery staff for their hard work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm by Chairman Braun. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2021.

Signed,

Eliza Caudillo
District Manager