

Board of Trustees

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Ashley Tarpley
General Manger

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 4:00 PM

Call To Order:

1. The Board of Trustees Chairperson, Mark Franey, called the Regular meeting of the Barstow Cemetery District to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Board Members present at roll call were, Vice Chair Tanya Gordon, Trustee Mark Vasquez, Trustee Eugene Butticci, and Trustees Victor Keaton.
2. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.
3. Notice of minor revisions to agenda items, items removed or continued: None

Public Comments:

Betty Brock- Was Concerned that there was not much progress on the goals for the back areas set by the manager. She wanted to know if the vases above ground could be buried to keep them from blowing away. Agreed it would be a good idea for the history of the cemetery to be posted on the website.

Cecilia Cordova- Still felt that the agenda was not robust and questioned when Vice Chair Gordon would be working with the manager to revamp the agenda. She questioned if the LAFCO meeting in March would be posted on the Cemetery website.

Pete Castillo- Asked what is being done for fundraising and working to get money in as soon as possible. Requested that the Cemetery ask the LAFCO Board of Supervisors for at least 1 million dollars.

Consent Calendar:

4. Meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on January 15, 2024, were emailed to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, February 13, 2025, for their review.
Discussion: None.
Motion to accept January 15, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes as presented: Trustee Keaton
Second: Trustee Butticci

All In Favor: Mark Franey: Aye, Tanya Gordon: Aye, Victor Keaton: Aye, Mark Vasquez: Aye, Eugene Butticci: Aye

General Manager Reports:

5. Interments for the month of January were 6 full, 4 cremains.
The 4000 Section Landscaping Project continues with a nursery coming in March to add plants to the section. More benches were put out and the ground crew are still leveling headstones. Advised that if the ground crew are working on the new landscaping section, they will be limited to the work that can be done to achieve the afore mentioned goals.
The grant for MDAQM was submitted for the replacement of the retired backhoe with an electric vehicle.
The Veterans fence being donated by the Keaton family has been installed and the fabricator is now working on a plaque to thank the Keaton family for their donation.
Management explained that questions about transactions coming in and out of the Cemetery can all be found on the spreadsheet that is provided on the website as part of the agenda packet every month. An explanation of the different account types and how they can be used was given to explain that payments made every month for pre-need are not usable funds until the individual's interment.

Action and Information Items:

1. None

Cemetery Board and Employee Comments:

Mark Franey- Is in the process of finishing the "History of the Cemetery" document so that can be posted on the website. Referenced that the General Manager Ashley Tarpley was given the authority to move forward with the funds for the landscaping project. In doing so the final amount of funds will be used to add plants to the 4000 section. This was voted on through a public agenda item in a previous meeting. Wanted to clarify that he was the one that said he "thought" that it could take 5 million dollars to complete the project. This was not an affirmative amount, and the Cemetery is unsure of the actual cost to complete the project. He apologized for the confusion that statement may have caused.

Tanya Gordon-Reassured she will be working on the agenda with management and noted that she did previously state it would probably be around March.

Mark Vasquez- None

Victor Keaton- Questioned where the number of 1 million dollars came from Pete Castillo. Pete answered that was a starting point number.

Eugene Butticci-Advised that his understanding is that the Board of Supervisors cannot just give out funds, but they must be requested through the proper channels, like grants. Thanked the public for their comments and suggestions.

Adjournment:

1. Motion to Adjourn at 4:32 pm: Trustee Keaton

Second: Trustee Vasquez

All In Favor: Mark Franey: Aye, Tanya Gordon: Aye, Mark Vasquez: Aye, Victor Keaton: aye, Eugene Buttici: Aye

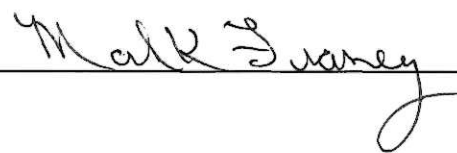
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Community Room of the Cemetery at 4:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Ashley Tarpley, General Manager, Barstow Cemetery District

Accepted after Board Approval by:



Mark Franey, Chairperson
Barstow Cemetery District