

Cemetery Board Minutes: July 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm at Red Lodge City Hall by Dan Gainer

Members present: Burt Douthit, Maryvette Labrie, Polly Richter, Jim Bushnell, Dan Gainer, Jim Hilderman

Members absent:

Minutes of April 14th and June 10th meetings approved.

Jim Bushnell spoke to Sweeney regarding the mausoleum and they are a couple weeks out. They will be doing the job on a time and material basis, beginning with tearing down the concrete exterior and replacing. Jim found a new employee. There will need to be some fencing done.

Dan Gainer handed out a map of the school districts and tax assessment base. One mil is approximately \$15,280.00. We would need about 4 mils to operate the cemetery properly. Jim and Dan have spoken to some residents about the cemetery district creation and they appear to be in favor of it. The Board will need to explain to the public that Red Lodge is the only cemetery that is not supported by a district. The Board will accomplish this by using the guidelines set by the Montana Codes Annotated, beginning with gathering the information of why we need the district and what the boundaries are. Maryvette will put together a press release using the high school boundaries, past and current information on the cemetery, why the district is needed, what the benefits are to create the district, what we currently have and what we need to continue. The board will then create a petition and follow the procedures required to put the creation of the cemetery district on the ballot for the election cycle in 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53. The next scheduled meeting will be August 11th, 2015.

Minutes submitted by Maryvette Labrie

Dan Gainer - Chairman