

Cemetery Board Minutes: November 15, 2016

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

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

Members absent: None.

The minutes of the August 11th will be provided by Jim Hilderman for the next meeting.

The minutes of the September 6th meeting were approved, motion by Jim Hilderman, second by Polly Richter, all board members voted aye.

The minutes of the October 18th work session were approved, motion by Burt Douthit, second by Maryvette Labrie.

The mailings went out on October 26, 2016 to the property owners in the precincts of 8, 9, 10, and 11, who are registered voters in Montana. The cost of the mailings to be paid to the county is \$1,654.16.

Dan Gainer gave a presentation at the Lions Club meeting, which went very well. Several questions were answered regarding the fee schedule, the current budget, how the mills will be used, the differences between the cemetery capital improvement fund and the general operating fund, and an explanation of perpetual care. The upcoming presentations will be held Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the Senior Center at noon and at the Rotary Club on Thursday, December 1, 2016

Once the district is in place, the Cemetery Board will set the bylaws and budget. The amount requested for the district was determined by the necessary maintenance and operation of the cemetery, upgrading of the watering system and other projects identified by the Public Works Director, Jim Bushnell. Perpetual care was added to the capital improvement fund for the second addition to the cemetery.

Cremations are approximately 75% of the current burials, with four (4) remains to a gravesite.

It was suggested that we speak to those that visit the cemetery to find out how important the cemetery is to them and how often do they visit.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45. The next scheduled meeting will be announced at a later date.

Minutes submitted by Maryvette Labrie

Dan Gainer - Chairman