

**2024 MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HIGHLAND CEMETERY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2023, 2:00 PM
OWENS MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
1405 SW 11th STREET, LAWTON, OK, 73501
CONFERENCE/BREAK ROOM**

The Meeting of the Highland Cemetery Board was held Wednesday, February 07, 2023, at the Owens Multipurpose Center, 1405 SW 11th Street, Lawton, Oklahoma, and called to order by Commission Chairman Barry Beauchamp, at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Beauchamp Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Donald Kousman, Sexton; Mitchell Dooley Deputy Director Parks & Recreations, Antonio Hopson, Parks & Grounds Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: None

II. REPORTS

None

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Consider discussion with Misty Tilghman and Marsha Pendley about a stolen grave marker from their mother’s/sister’s lot.

Commission members provided a copy of the signed memo mailed to Misty Tilghman certified mail through the COL Clerks office. Letter detailed the steps to be taken on Mrs. Tilghman’s’ behalf to reach the resolution and the efforts to be made by Cemetery staff.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider approving the minutes of the October 5, 2023, Special Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2023, Special Meeting

MOTION by Robert Williams; SECOND by Gerald “Deuce” Gragg

AYES: Barry Beauchamp, Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg,

NAYS: None

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- B. Consider discussing security and lighting improvements on Cemetery grounds.

Recommendation to table this item until the next meeting. This item was to be presented by Larry Parks, P&R Director who is not present at the time.

MOTION by Gerald “Deuce” Gragg; SECOND by Robert Williams

AYES: Barry Beauchamp, Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg,
NAYS: None

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C. Consider discussion ON Cemetery office and chapel restoration.

Commission members provided with copies of contractors quotes from Owen’s Construction (\$83,332.61) and Color Splash (\$57,450.25). Awaiting a third and final quote. Recommendation to table item until all quotes are acquired.

MOTION by Gerald “Deuce” Gragg; SECOND by Robert Williams

AYES: Barry Beauchamp, Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg,
NAYS: None

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D. Consider discussion on utilizing the Cemetery care fund for the purchase of new zero turn 60” mower. Quote from B&B Garage LLC provided.

Recommendation to allow the purchase of 60” mower from the cemetery care fund.

MOTION by Gerald “Deuce” Gragg; SECOND by Robert Williams

AYES: Barry Beauchamp, Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg,
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIES

E. Consider discussion on utilizing the Cemetery care fund for the purchase of tires for the backhoe. Quote from T&W Tire provided.

Recommendation to allow the purchase of tires for the backhoe from the cemetery care fund.

MOTION by Robert Williams; SECOND by Gerald “Deuce” Gragg

AYES: Barry Beauchamp, Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg,
NAYS: None

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VI. ADJOURN

MOTION by Gerald “Deuce” Gragg; SECOND by Robert Williams

AYES: Barry Beauchamp, Robert Williams, Gerald “Deuce” Gragg,

NAYS: None

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Meeting adjourned @ 2:30 p.m.

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