

Tulare Public Cemetery District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Tulare Public Cemetery board meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. at 900 East Kern Ave, Tulare, California by Chairman Xavier Avila. Other trustees present were Vice Chairman Jim Pennington, Secretary Steve Presant, Trustee Charlie Ramos and Trustee Alberto Aguilar. Manager Clara Bernardo was in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Eight members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Two members of the public made comments

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Five Trustees provided comments. Motion by Trustee Ramos to review bylaws at our next Board Meeting Vote (5-0).

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned into Closed Session at 9:09 a.m.

OPEN SESSION FROM CLOSED SESSION:

- 3.1 Announcement Out: 2.4 The Board voted 4-0, with Trustee Aguilar recused, to make recommendation to the Tulare Grand Jury regarding the dereliction of duty of Trustee Aguilar, and seek punitive actions from the Tulare Grand Jury. 2.1 Board plans to address this item in open session.
- 4.1 Chairman Xavier reported a Board censure of Trustee Aguilar is necessary for breach of attorney/client privilege regarding a May 22, 2021 email Trustee Aguilar sent to members of the press and public. Trustee Presant moved that the censure be voted on by the board. Vote (4-0), Trustee Aguilar recused himself.
- 4.2 The Cemeterians updated the board on their activities and that the recent audit was a success.
- 4.3 Ms. Bernardo's employment was ratified by motion of Trustee Pennington. Vote (4-1) Aguilar opposed.
- 4.4 The current Manager's salary and pay is a continuation of our prior Manager's salary and pay.

ADJOURNED FOR BREAK

Break taken from 12:09 to 12:28 p.m.

- 4.5 Motion to approve the minutes of April 22, May 6, May 20 and May 27, 2017 by Trustee Presant, Vote (4-1) Trustee Aguilar opposed.
- 4.6 Report on the last meeting of July 1, 2021 given by Trustee Presant
- 4.7 May 2021 financials were reviewed. Trustee Pennington moved to approve, Vote (4-1) Trustee Aguilar opposed.

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- 4.8 Trustee Avila moved not to place additional benches on either side of Rita Flores bench in A section center landscaped area, Vote (4-0), Trustee Ramos abstained.
- 4.9 Trustee Presant updated Board on the Resolution. No action necessary or taken by the Board.
- 4.10 Trustee Aguilar moved to approve the purchase to two spray rigs but the second rig purchase is dependent on satisfactory performance of the first one. Vote (5-0)
- 4.11 Tabled to next Board Meeting to receive additional bid.

Trustee Aguilar left the Board meeting.

- 4.12 Consensus of Board to approve competitive bid of two flat marker plots in Kern Cemetery,

MANAGERS REPORT

Clara Bernardo reported out on updating the board on the cemetery's changes

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Avila adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,



Board Secretary