

SEWARD, NE CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

March 4, 2024

A meeting of the Seward Cemetery Board was held March 4, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Seward North Cemetery Office, Seward, Nebraska. Board members present were: Greg Zabka, Jeff Volzke, Clark Koehler, Ben Hughes, Jerry Meyer and Lynn Brumm. Others in attendance were Kent Chelewski, Cemetery representative, Brent Peterson, Chris Nunn, City of Seward employees.

Notice and agenda were posted in the following places: City Hall, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Public Library and Seward Civic Center.

Notification of Open Meetings Law

1. RUNNING DOGS AT NEW SECTION OF CEMETERY.

Ben Hughes reported that some citizens are letting their dogs run unleashed in the New section of the cemetery. He is concerned that they are using this area to drop their waste. A discussion took place about putting up a sign near Columbia Ave to not let dogs run unleashed in that area. A motion was made by Jerry Meyer and second by Lynn Brumm to put up a sign. Motion carried unanimously.

2. NEW SECRETARY

Greg Zabka will be leaving the board after many years of service. Jeff Volzke asked for anyone who wished to take over the Secretary position. There were no volunteers so Jeff Volzke asked if Clark Koehler would take over those responsibilities. Clark agreed to do so. No other nominations were made.

3. BLACK DIRT ON BACKFILL SURFACE

Kent updated the board and reported that the cemetery workers will now fill in a new grave with black dirt on the top 2" surface to allow newly seeded grass a better environment to get started.

4. VETERANS SECTION

Jeff Volzke reported that the new granite foundations for the Veterans Section will be delivered within a week. The City had previously agreed to remove the installed foundations that were determined to not meet the specifications as spelled out General Rules and Regulations and install the granite ones in their place. A discussion also took place regarding a current Veterans grave location and the placement of the foot marker. It was determined that the foot marker is currently in its proper location and will not be moved.

5. COLUMBARIUM IN THE NEW SECTION OF THE CEMETERY

Kent Chelewski led a discussion with pictures and drawings from a company by the name of Coldspring of a proposed 520 Niche Columbarium Complex to be placed in the new section of the cemetery. It would be located in the center of the roundabout east

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of the Veterans Section. After much discussion, it was suggested that Kent ask the sales representative from Coldspring to attend a future special meeting in Seward by the Cemetery Board to give a more detailed sales presentation and be available for the questions that we will have. Kent was going to contact the sales representative and let us know when they would be available.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. A motion was made by Jerry Meyer, seconded by Greg Zabka to approve the Sept 11, 2023 and October 25, 2023 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING (JUNE 3, 2024 at 5:00pm)

Motion by Greg Zabka to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Volzke. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm

Respectfully submitted,
Clark Koehler
Elected Secretary