

## SEWARD, NE CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

September 9, 2024

A meeting of the Seward Cemetery Board was held September 9, 2024 at 5:12 PM at the Seward North Cemetery Office, Seward, Nebraska. Board members present were: Clark Koehler, Jeff Volzke, Jerry Meyer, and Brad Perdue. Others in attendance were Kent Chelewski, Chris Nunn, Brendt Pederson

The minutes from the previous meeting on June 17, 2024 were reviewed. A motion by Jerry Meyer was made and a second by Brad Perdue to accept the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### 1. 4<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION SELLING SPACE

A discussion was made regarding making available for sale to the general public, the lot spaces near the older Veterans area in the 4<sup>th</sup> Addition. It would include one space in the Alley between 18 & 19. Also to include 5 spaces available in the Addition 19 for a total of 7 available spaces. A motion was made by Jerry Meyer with a second by Brad Perdue to allow these lots to be available for sale to the general public. Motion carried.

### 2. UNCLAIMED CREMAINS BURIED IN POTTERS FIELD AT NO COST

It was reported that there have been some instances when no one claims cremains and what should be done with them. Kent Chelewski reported that using Potters Field for these burials is not feasible due to the lack of records in that area and potentially unmarked graves. After some discussion it was decided to table this discussion until a later date.

### 3. TIMES OF CEMETERY HOURS AND WHAT IS CONSIDERED OVERTIME

Kent Chelewski reported that the revised Cemetery hours for workers is 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM from Memorial Day thru Labor Day and 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM from Labor Day thru Memorial Day. A discussion was made regarding charges for overtime when these hours are exceeded. A motion by Jerry Meyer and a second by Brad Perdue to accept these revised hours was made. Motion carried.

### 4. UPDATE ON CEMETERY APP

A discussion was made regarding the Cemetery App and communication between the funeral home directors and the Cemetery workers when spaces are decided on by families. It was encouraged that all persons involved be present at the lot space when a family decides on which lot space to purchase.

### 5. REMOVAL/STUMPING OF TREES

A discussion was made regarding several diseased or dead trees in both Greenwood and the North Cemetery. Kent Chelewski is aware of the issue and reported that the trees involved will be either trimmed or removed in the future as the budget allows.

### 6. CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Jerry Meyer and a second by Brad Perdue to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2024 meeting. Motion carried. Jeff Volzke reported that the new granite foundations for the Veterans Section have arrived and will be installed in the future.

### 7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

We will not be having a meeting in December. The annual Memorial Service at the Cemetery will be December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

8. ADJOURN

Jerry Meyer made a motion at 6:20 PM with a second by Brad Perdue to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clark Koehler/Acting Secretary