## ANTELOPE VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT LANCASTER CEMETERY

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES - GENERAL MEETING ANTELOPE VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021, 2:00 P.M. via Zoom Conference MINUTES

- Call meeting to order and attendance at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman Owens. In attendance, Trustee Richard Cook, Manager Dayle DeBry and Nadia Dickinson.
- 2. No emergency items to be added to the agenda.
- 3. No comments from members of the public.
- Unfinished Business: Office remodel. D/D will contact asbestos removal companies late September for bids to begin removal process in the Fall.
- Minutes: ACTION: MSC D/O R/C to approve Minutes from June 16, 2021 Board meeting.
- 6. Financial report: Anthony Bruneau
  - A. A/B absent. No reports available, no action taken. Requested A/B send financial reports via e-mail/PDF to manager so trustees can read in advance.
  - Nadia Dickinson KESTRA (Note: KESTRA statements now online) \*See attached document.
  - C. Warrant account request for \$16,000 6/10/2021 received. \$36,500 request sent 7/15/2021. See LAC Auditor/Controller fund info (PDF).
- Friends of the Lancaster Cemetery: Patriot Guard Riders are raising funds for the military marker program. Assistance League will donate funds for 10 military markers = \$4690 (\$469 cach).
  Ordered bronze memorial plaque for Jack Marriot, POW/MIA WWII.
  D/O Halloween program ideas – tabled.
- 8. Correspondence:
  - A. Letter from Sedgwick Ins. re M. Rodriguez medical treatment to Dr. G. Balfour.
- 9. Manager's Report
  - A. AVCD Burials June/July 2021 (see PDF). Los Angeles Co. funds up over 2020 (see PDF).
  - B. Ordering new trees to replace two removed. Semerenko plaque will be ordered for remaining tree stump. Bee removal at Semerenko tree \$300.
  - C. Deposit sent to Premier Columbaria for two new columbaria at Pioneer Circle. 120- day time frame. Requesting bids for two concrete foundations.

\*Nadia Dickinson - KESTRA report:

Note: A/B asked about high yield/high risk investments at the June 2021 Board meeting.

N/D If we get into high yield investments it is a problem as they are high risk.

D/O It is our fiscal responsibility to be conservative with investments. We can get aggressive as we can but under the law.

N/D what do you want to do with mutual funds? You will be taking a loss as it is the wrong type of mutual fund. What do you want to do with the investment?

D/O we need to be in compliance. Litigation is costly and takes a long time. 5 – 6 years for a legal case.

N/D Los Angeles County needs to write a letter (per Nadia) or County attorney. D/O needs to call their office again.

D/O it is difficult to talk to the people at the County office.

N/D shall we leave it alone then? Need to speak with other Special Districts - Cemetery Districts, and find out what they do.

D/O I talked to Orange County and they liked the idea.

R/C I'm in agreement to go to the County.

N/D will find out the process and contacts for Los Angeles County and will pursue that. This will release the Trustees from liability. I will speak with Anthony Bruneau also.

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## 10. New Business

- A. Donna Termeer (L.A. County) working on paperwork for future AVCD Trustee, Christine Ward. Resignation from Trustee Poole needs to be submitted first. D/O we are allowed up to five additional trustees.
- B. Notice of Filing: LAFCO Annexation No. 432 to Co. Sanitation District No. 14 Annex approx. 1.253 acres to the district. The affected territory is generally located on the west side of 45th St. W., approx. 200' South of K-12, all within unincorporated Los Angeles County. Notice of filing: LAFCO Annexation No. 2021-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, approx. 6.58 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located south north of Eliopulos Ranch Drive between Yianni Court and Marina Court, in the City of Palmdale.
- 11. No old Business
- 12. Option to Adjourn to Closed Session not taken.
- 13. No Board comments.
- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 2:00 either at the District Office or via Zoom conference.
- Adjourn general meeting at 2:36 p.m. by Chairman Owens.

Dayle DeBry Secretary

David Owens Chairman