

Kern County Cemetery District
Minutes for
June 16, 2022

Regular Board Meeting
Shafter Memorial Park Office
18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter, CA

- Call to Order: Call to Order at 11:55 am by Chairman Braun. Chairman Braun led the flag salute and invocation.
- Roll Call: In attendance was Barry Braun, Chairman of the Board; Belton Banks, Vice-Chair; Jerry Ezell, Secretary of the Board.
- Employees: Eliza Caudillo, District Manager; Denton Carender, Superintendent; Alicia Reveles, District Secretary.
- Visitors: 2 members of the public; 2 staff members of Basham & Lara
- Public Comment: Request for review of Headstone Policy as it pertains to the size of ceramic photos.
- Consent Calendar: Includes the approval of the agenda for the current meeting and minutes of the regular Board meeting for May 2022. The payroll warrants for 22/10 through 22/11 were approved. Vouchers, checks, and financial reports for May 2022 were approved. This was done by approval of the consent calendar by motion of Trustee Banks and seconded by Trustee Ezell; 3 ayes, unanimous.

Management Update

- We had 20 services in Shafter and 10 services in Wasco for the month of May 2022. This gives us 348 services for the fiscal year to date.
- A new full-time temporary groundsman has been hired. Daxary Williams was hired on May 31, 2022.
- Stifel Investment will come due on July 15, 2022. Manager Caudillo will present to the Investment Committee options available for reinvestment.

Budget 2022-23 – First Look

The Board discussed the draft budget for 2022-23 as presented by Manager Caudillo. The final two months of the current fiscal year are estimations. This is a discussion item; no action will be taken.

With the information we have to date, the budget was set at \$1,633,722. The Board discussed adjusting the budget from the proposed 235 burials to 275; this adjustment would reflect the increase to present-day services. The first look budget was a balanced budget but will be presented for final review with corrections and a 275-burial rate. The budget includes the COLA as approved in the May 2022 meeting.

Capital Projects allotted monies for the development of the new section north of Section A. The Board will, at a future meeting, need to provide direction for that project and drought-friendly design.

Manager Caudillo voiced her concern with current day events affecting the cost and availability of supplies and utilities. Caudillo also commented on the potential housing bubble due to the current cost of homes and the potential loss of revenue in the future for property taxes. *No action taken.*

Annual Tax Appropriation Limit

California adopted Proposition 4, which added Article XIII B to the California Constitution. This proposition, known as the Gann Act, limits the amount of tax proceeds that state and local government agencies can receive and spend each year. This amendment was modified by the passage of Proposition 111 on June 5, 1990. If our tax revenue exceeds the District's initiative limit, we are obligated to return the excess to the public. It is required that this limit be adopted by the Trustees each year at a public Board meeting. The Board took action to adopt the appropriation limit prior to the adoption of the District's 2022-23 budget. Our Appropriation Limit this year is \$2,441,561. Our property tax amount received was \$942,079 as of the June meeting.

The motion to certify the Kern County Cemetery District property tax appropriation is below their limit of \$2,441,561 was made by Trustee Ezell and seconded by Trustee Banks; 3 ayes, unanimous.

Trustee Banks: None

Trustee Ezell: Trustee Ezell would like consideration to comments made by public visitors.

Trustee Braun: None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm by Chairman Braun. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022.

Signed,

Eliza Caudillo
District Manager