

Kern County Cemetery District

Shafter Memorial Park Office
18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter, CA

- Call to Order: Call to Order at 12:00pm by Chairman Braun, Chairman Braun led 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 and Visitors: Timothy W. Unruh, District Manager; Eliza Caudillo, District Secretary; Denton Carender.
- Public Comment: None
- Consent Calendar: Includes the approval of the agenda for the special board meeting for July 16, 2020.

Vandalism at the Wasco Cemetery

On June 27, 2020, the Wasco Cemetery was vandalized by someone driving a vehicle on the grass and damaging the turf. The damage was contained to the East Section and no permanent damage was done to the markers. The Sheriff Dept. was notified, and they have determined that it was a random act of vandalism. They have indicated that they will continue to monitor the cemetery at night and weekends.

The community has been very responsive. Families took the time to clean the dirty markers and Superintendent Carender spent the Sunday afternoon at the cemetery talking to families who were concerned. The manager has returned telephone calls and emails for those who are concerned. The district was also concerned and immediately worked to repair the turf damage before the next service scheduled in that area.

The cemetery district understands that they cannot prevent an intentional act of vandalism if someone wants to be destructive. The board reviewed the video of the cameras that covered that area and it was inconclusive. This is due to the camera being a distance away and the act taking place at night. But we can continue to work to create deterrents that might stop someone from doing an impulsive act of vandalism. The board has asked the manager to look into options for the board to review that may be helpful to deter future problems.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 by Chairman Braun. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020.

Signed,

Timothy W. Unruh
District Manager