

## **Kern County Cemetery District Minutes for**

**December 21, 2023**

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

Call to Order: Call to Order at 12:00 pm 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: None

Public Comment: None

Consent Calendar: Includes the approval of the agenda for the current meeting and minutes of the regular Board meeting for October 2023. The payroll warrants for 23/21 through 23/24 were approved. Vouchers, checks, and financial reports for October and November 2023 were approved. This was done by approval of the consent calendar by motion of Trustee Banks and seconded by Trustee Ezell; 3 ayes, 0 Nays.

### Management Update

- We had 14 services in Shafter and 7 services in Wasco for the month of October 2023. This gives us 100 services for the fiscal year to date. We have had 23 cremation services in Shafter and 5 in Wasco for a total of 28 cremation services. We are at a 28% cremation rate.
- We had 8 services in Shafter and 11 services in Wasco for the month of November 2023. This gives us 119 services for the fiscal year to date. We have had 24 cremation services in Shafter and 6 in Wasco for a total of 30 cremation services. We are at a 25% cremation rate.
- California Resources Corporation has provided a Surrender and Quitclaim for the Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease. CRC is leaving Kern County, and the packet was sent out to all Lessors involved in the lease Surrender and Quitclaim.
- Covid continues to be an issue and staff will continue to follow the appropriate procedures for avoidance and limitation of exposure as much as possible.
- The District will continue to direct questions and concerns to Kirk and Simas.
- The Shafter Sump has been cleared of debris and is now draining nicely. The Wasco Irrigation upgrade has begun, and Kern Sprinklers has begun the trenching for the irrigation system.

Trustees Comments

Trustee Banks: Appreciates cemetery staff for their forward looking and developments for the future.

Trustee Ezell: None

Trustee Braun: Would like the Manager to look into possibly using interest from the investments to replenish Capital Projects.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Braun. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

Signed,

Eliza Caudillo  
District Manager