



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Cemetery District was held:

April 9, 2024, at 4:00 pm

Goleta Cemetery District Office
44 S. San Antonio Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Present: Terry Dressler, Board Chairman
Gene Geller, Board Vice-Chairman
Claudia Chyla, Board Secretary
Rick Bower, District General Manager
Carrie Troup, CPA, District Accountant

Absent: None

Business:

1. Meeting called to order @ 4:00 pm. Welcome to all present.

2. Roll Call

Terry Dressler, Board Chairman – Present
Claudia Chyla, Board Secretary – Present
Gene Geller, Board Vice-Chairman – Present

3. Public Comment: None

4. Adoption of Agenda:

The Board adopted the agenda as presented. Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Geller.
Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence / Information for Board: None

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of March 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

The Board adopted the meeting notes as presented. Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Geller. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

7. Reports: District General Manager and District Accountant:

- a.** Services for March: 8 (3 Casket / 5 Cremations)
2024 Thru March: 33 (14 Casket/ 19 Cremations); 2023: 32 (13 / 19)
- b.** Presentation of District's March financial report by Carrie Troup, CPA.

Action Items (The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items):

8. Old Business

General Manager Bower updated the board on the progress of the solar and roadway/entrance projects. He is researching a possible solar project with storage.

9. New Business

- a. General Manager Bower recommended “Cost of Living” pay increases for all full-time grounds employees, to match 12-month percentage change as of May 2024 BLS C.P. Index for this area, effective July 1. (February CPI 3.4%). The Board reviewed, discussed and approved of the increase as presented. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- b. General Manager Bower recommended changes to District fees and charges effective July 1. The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved of the change as presented. Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Geller. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- c. General Manager Bower requested consideration of extending District’s Health/Vision/Dental coverage to full-time employees’ “Immediate Dependents,” with District covering 75% of premium for dependent coverage. The Board approved extending coverage by covering 100% of the premiums for dependents. Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Geller. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

10. Items for next regular meeting scheduled for June 11, 2024.

- a. Operations budget for FY July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.
- b. Open enrollment.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bower, Clerk of the Board
Goleta Cemetery District Board of Trustees