

**VISALIA PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 9:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

<p>Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Philpot, Trustees Alexander, Link, District Manager Lopez, and Board Secretary Stallions were all present. Trustee Ouzounian was absent. Tulare County Supervisor Vice Chair Larry Micari, and Emmanuel Soto were present as well. Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 9am.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND RECORD OF ATTENDANCE</b></p>
<p>There was discussion of the meeting from 5/1/23 with the board and members in attendance at this meeting. It was an open discussion on what we need to do for the future. Make sure we have all the information and questions that come our way ready to answer. DM Lopez wanted to make sure that some of the nonfactual information that was presented at the meeting were addressed and clarified with proper facts.</p> <p>Main facts addressed were the 2 other Cemeteries in question Lone Oak and Elbow Creek. It was clarified that they are not 20 to 30 Acres. Elbow Creek is 3acres and Lone Oak is 1/3 acre. We are still working with LAFCO to find out who owns the Cemeteries in question and what are the responsibilities. These are 2 cemeteries with no means of doing burials. There is no infrastructure on these properties.</p>	<p><b>DISCUSS CITY COUNCIL MEETING FROM 5/1/23</b></p>
<p>Vice Chair Micari addressed the concerns of the public in his district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People are scared that you are taking their homes.</li> <li>• You're removing that neighborhood feeling.</li> <li>• Removing of affordable housing for renters.</li> <li>• The value of homes will lower being surrounded by a cemetery.</li> <li>• Want to know why we are more worried about the dead than the alive.</li> <li>• Is our plan to take over Houston school?</li> <li>• Who owns the other 2 cemeteries and why can't you expand them?</li> <li>• The solution he feels from the surrounding homes is they want a second cemetery.</li> </ul> <p>Our Board listened to all his concern and thanked him as well as Mr. Soto for their support, hard work, and information. Advised them we will be discussing further as a board. We will be making our next meeting open for the public to attend and speak. We will have a translator present as well as move the time to the evening to accommodate. We will make sure they are properly advised of the meeting.</p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION WITH TUALRE COUNTY SUPERVISOR VICE CHAIR LARRY MICARI</b></p>
<p>Motion made to move the Wednesday May 31,2023 meeting to 6pm at the Pavilion. <b>MMSC Trustee Alexander/Trustee Link approved. All Ayes.</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION FOR MAY MEETING</b></p>
<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:24am by Vice Chair Philpot.</p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>
<p>05/10/2023 Tom Johnson, Board Chair <i>Geneva Philpot</i> Domingo Lopez, District Manager Jenn Stallions, Board Secretary <i>J. Stallion</i></p>	