

**PALM SPRINGS CEMETERY DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
VIDEO TELECONFERENCE REGULAR  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** April 14, 2022  
**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** 31-705 Da Vall Drive, Cathedral City, California 92234

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pye at 2:00 P.M.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Jan M. Pye, Chairperson  
Lynn T. Mallotto, Treasurer  
LaFaye M. Platter, Secretary

Also, Present: Kathleen Jurasky, District Manager  
Steven B. Quintanilla, Quintanilla & Associates

Not Present: William G. Kleindienst, Vice Chairperson

District Manager Jurasky reported that Trustee Kleindienst had contacted her and advised her something came up, and he was unable to attend today's meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Pye to excuse Trustee Kleindienst being absent. Motion carried; vote 3-0 Mallotto, Platter and Pye.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

4. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA** Motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Platter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried; vote 3-0 Mallotto, Platter and Pye.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** Motion was made by Trustee Pye, second by Trustee Mallotto approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried; roll call 3-0 Mallotto, Platter and Pye.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR** a. **District Investments General Overview & Update – Neal Wilson, Wealth Consulting Group** Mr. Wilson reported the restricted and non-restricted funds in the Endowment Care account have been separated into two accounts. He stated all dividends and interest earned from the restricted portfolio will be journaled over monthly to the non-restricted account.

He further stated all fees associated with the restricted portion of the Endowment Care account will be paid from the new non-restricted account.

Mr. Wilson said he will need signatures from Trustees, Pye, Mallotto and Kleindienst on a "Move Money" form to approve allowing manual monthly journals transferring funds from the restricted to non-restricted account. They agreed to schedule dates and times to meet with him.

He reported there is approximately \$2,200,000.00 either currently in cash or maturing in the remainder of 2022. He stated with the volatility and "flat" yield curve there will be an opportunity to take advantage, and invest at much higher rates. Following a discussion, the investment report was received and filed.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR - continued**

**b. East 40 Acres Lease Agreement – Past Due Prior Years Property Taxes** District Manger Jurasky reported she had received an email from Mario Gonzales stating they are working on a large payment to get the delinquency resolved. She also stated attorney Quintanilla sent him a letter regarding the past due prior years property taxes.

**7. LEGISLATIVE** **a. Resolution 1-2022, Transfer Interment Rights & Costs from PN to ACO & GF** Motion was made by Trustee Mallotto, seconded by Trustee Platter to approve Resolution 1-2022 transferring \$21,961.20 from PreNeed Fund, 51265 to the General Fund, 51270 and \$7,505.00 from PreNeed Fund, 51265 to Accumulative Capital Fund, 51275. Motion carried, roll call 3-0. Mallotto, Platter and Pye.

**b. Resolution 2-2022, Finance Committee Urgency Action Authority** Following a discussion motion was made by Trustee Pye, seconded by Trustee Mallotto to approve Resolution 2-2022, Finance Committee Urgency Action Authority. When the finance committee uses their urgency action authority the item will be on the next agenda for the Board to receive and file. No action to ratify by the full Board will be required. Motion carried, roll call 3-0. Mallotto, Platter and Pye.

**8. TRUSTEE SIGNATURES AND ATTORNEY** District Manager Jurasky will contact Trustees and attorney to arrange for signature completions.

**9. BOARD DEVELOPMENT** **a. Understanding the Legislative Process** District Manager Jurasky stated this is a very informative article from California Special Districts Association (CSDA) regarding the California legislative process.

**b. Special Districts Association of Riverside County (SDARC) Luncheon – Review and Discussion** Trustee Pye reported the featured speaker District Attorney Hestrin gave a presentation on opioids, specifically Fentanyl, the negative effect on the population and what they are doing to mitigate the problems.

Trustee Mallotto stated District Attorney Hestrin gave a very eye-opening commentary regarding the Fentanyl deaths, and how year after year deaths are increasing significantly in the valley.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR** – None

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None

**12. REPORTS** **a. Trustee Report** – None

**b. District Manager**

**1. Strategic Barometer** **a. Service Provider Agreements – New Interment Sections** District Manager reported the service provided agreements are in the process of being executed, and this information was updated on the strategic barometer.

**2. Disinterment/Reinterment C. Bercovici – Court Order** District Manager Jurasky reported the court ordered disinterment/reinterment of C. Bercovici for remains identification purposes took place on Friday, April 1, 2022, and stated she was positively identified and is in the correct grave. District Manager Jurasky said no further actions were required.

**3. Staff Promotion – E. Archila Groundsman to Interim Grounds Supervisor** District Manager Jurasky reported she promoted E. Archila from Groundsman to Interim Grounds Supervisor, and is working with him to get promoted the Grounds Supervisor position.

**12. REPORTS    b. District Manager - continued**

District Manager Jurasky reported received a call from Rabbi Steven Rosenberg requesting he be allowed to bring a personal shovel to use at graveside for a service he would be officiating. She stated he was advised it would be allowed provided he sign a liability waiver, which he agreed to sign. She stated she contacted attorney Quintanilla, advised him of the request and asked him to prepare the necessary document for signature, which he did.

She stated she emailed the form to Rabbi Rosenberg the same day, and followed up with a phone call to confirm he had received it. That was on Friday, and the service was scheduled late afternoon on Monday. District Manager Jurasky reported on Monday morning she had not received the signed waiver, so she called Rabbi Rosenberg to ask if he had signed the waiver. He stated he forwarded to waiver to the son, and asked what will happen if the waiver isn't signed. District Jurasky said she responded the shovel will not be allowed to be used. She stated Rabbi Rosenberg said to her, you are not going to interfere with the service, and it will happen regardless of what shovel we use. I explained the rules, regulations and liability concerns.

At the graveside prior to the service, District Manager Jurasky reported she spoke with the Rabbi and advised him she needed the signed waiver for the shovel to be used. His reply was he wasn't going to sign, nor was the family, you better not disrupt the service in any way.

Not wanting to cause a scene District Manager Jurasky stated she stepped away, let the service proceed, and did not make an issue of the use of the personal shovel.

After the service District Manager Jurasky stated she immediately called attorney Quintanilla and informed him what had transpired, and he sent a letter to Rabbi Rosenberg regarding the use of personal tools.

**13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS    a. Discussion in 2021/2022 Possible Cap on PSCD Monthly Employer Contribution for Employee Health Insurance Premiums    No action taken**

**b. Postcard Survey Mailing to the Community to Determine Pre-Planning Needs    No action taken**

**c. Marketing/Advertising    No action taken**

**d. Lease Agreement Property Taxes January 2022    No action taken**

**e. Discussion for Possible Cell Tower Location at Desert Memorial Park    No action taken**

**14. CLOSED SESSION - READING OF THE SAFE HARBOR – None**

**15. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**16. OPEN SESSION**

**17. ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Trustee Pye at 2:39 P.M. The next regular video conference board meeting is scheduled for 2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 12, 2022.

DATE: April 14, 2022

LaFaye M. Platter  
LaFaye M. Platter, Secretary