



# GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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

**March 12, 2024, at 4:00 pm**

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

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**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:** Mr. Geyer, Special District representative to LAFCO, thanked the Board for their support with his reelection bid to the LAFCO Board of Directors. He shared with the Board that he did indeed win overwhelmingly for a new 4-year term on the Board.

**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:**

District Manager Bower announced Trustee Geller has been reappointed to the Board with a term ending Dec 31, 2027. He also reported that all Form 700 Conflict of Interest Forms have been completed.

**6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of January 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**

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 January: 19 (10 Casket / 9 Cremations)  
Services for February: 5 (1 Casket/ 4 Cremations)  
2024 Thru February: 24 (11 Casket/ 13 Cremations); 2023: 18 (10 / 8)
- b. Presentation of District's January & February financial reports by Carrie Troup, CPA.

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

## **8. Old Business**

- a. General Manager Bower reported on the progress of the roadway/entrance project. The project is very close to completion.
- b. General Manager Bower reported on the just received project summary for the Solar / Battery Power Alternative Project, from Sunrise Solar Group, and updated the Board on project information to date. The Board approved designating the written project summary a "Draft". Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chayla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried. GM will bring further information on project to the Board as it is finalized.

## **9. New Business**

- a. District accountant Carrie Troup, CPA, discussed the F/Y 2022/2023 Audited Financial Report which was prepared by Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP.
- b. General Manager Bower reported on the homeless encampment North/East of District property, and the County's response.
- c. The Board approved the purchase of a new mower, as per General Manager Bower's request. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chayla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- d. General Manager Bower advised the Board that his current 4-year contract with the District ends May 1, 2024; and that his last non COLA salary increase was effective March 16, 2020. He asked the Board for consideration of a 4-year extension to his contract; and a salary adjustment to \$160,000. per year, effective March 16, 2024. The Board discussed, evaluated, and approved General Manager Bower's request for a four-year contract extension, and his requested salary adjustment effective March 16, 2024. Motion by Mr. Dressler, second by Ms. Chayla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

## **10. Items for next regular meeting scheduled for April 9, 2024**

Information on proposed solar / battery power project.

## **11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.**

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